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July 1, 1968 - Monday

Another hot, sunny day, with the temperature predicted to hit the high 80's.

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There was a ceremony this morning at Lancaster House for the signing of the nonproliferation treaty. Secretary of State Stewart, Soviet Ambassador Smirnovsky, and myself affixed our names to the document. Parallel observances are taking place in Washington and Moscow. Afterwards, Prime Minister Wilson, Smirnovsky and I, then finally Michael Stewart, made short pronouncements about the importance of this occasion. I said:

Following this, the Ambassadors of about twenty countries signed on their behalf, then all adjourned to another room for champagne.

The PM certainly keeps his "cool". Ray Gunter having resigned yesterday from the Cabinet, subsequently made some rather bitter remarks about Harold Wilson, but there was no indication in his bearing and conversation of being perturbed over Gunter's departure.

The run-off elections in France yesterday resulted in a tremendous victory for President de Gaulle. He will now have an absolute majority in the National Assembly, but the economic, financial and student difficulties are still far from being satisfactorily settled. The outlook here in these respects continues to trouble me, for there is still a perceptible lack of confidence in the Government and in the success of its measures. The Labour Party has long been cursed with bad luck, for each time its ship appears about to progress on an even keel, something happens to shift the ballast.

I lunched today with E, Sasha and Nicky at a Japanese restaurant on Christopher Place, my first experience of Japanese food, in which the others have always delighted. I am now in complete accord with them. What we had was simpler, and there was much less choice than one would find in a Chinese restaurant, but it was enticing to watch the Japanese waitresses preparing their offerings on hot plates at our table.

This afternoon I passed out incentive awards to Henry M. Stephen, Henry Hurst, and George Hamilton, employees in the Embassy. In addition they received cash bonuses of $200, $225, and $100 respectively.

Dick Mellon came to see me this morning. He had been on the family tour in Ireland, with forty or fifty others. He said he met dozens of cousins on whom he had never before set eyes.

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STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR BRUCE July 1, 1968

Prime Minister, Secretary of State, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The treaty we have signed today is proof that the despairing generalities so often voiced about man's inability to meet challenges of his environment are not always correct. It represents a concerted effort, in the words of my Secretary of State, to keep the nuclear beast caged. It is the product of over six years of consideration, and arduous negotiations, by our governments. There were times when it seemed the result now achieved might be beyond the reach of mutual understanding.

This accord is a testimonial to enlightened persistence, and to faith in the conception that despite many variations of opinion, good will and steady purpose can reconcile conflicting national interests.

The lesson of the Non-Proliferation Treaty is, essentially, one of optimism and hope: that man indeed can control the terrifying forces he has created.

This covenant joins a series of its predecessors - those establishing the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Antartic Treaty, the Limited Test Ban Agreement, and the Outer Space Treaty - to constitute another important landmark in postwar history.

The United States fervently desires that these historic agreements will before long be joined by others, calculated further to abate the threat presented by modern arms to world stability and world peace.

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[redacted] Prime Minister O'Neill gave them a great party in Belfast. They had every reason to be pleased with the Prime Minister, for he is a[redacted] engaging person. Although Dick has ostensibly retired from many of the almost innumerable Boards of Directors of which he is a member, his keen interest in business is unabated. The Mellon Bank has recently opened a branch in London, and is expanding its European activities. Dick was for many years Master of the Hounds at Rolling Rock, but has now, I think wisely, given up fox hunting. Like his father, he has a passion for building, and it is said the transformation of Pittsburgh owes more to him than to any other one individual. I have always been fond of him and his wife Connie, but had not seen him for several years.

Herman Van Roijen spent an hour with me this afternoon. He is particularly interested in the course of economic and financial events in France, and thinks they may be forced later on into a Franc devaluati Herman is one of the most intelligent men in London, and I highly esteem his opinions.

Tonight we dined at the Weidenfelds. Afterwards there was a dance at Mr. van Bulo's on Belgrave Square. I sat between Madame Van der Kamp and Margaret Anne Ducane. Gerald Van der Kamp has had a magnificent success in restoring, embellishing, and popularizing Versailles. He has, however, met with one great disappointment. Before Arturo Lopez died a couple of years ago, Arturo promised by will to leave his unique collection of Louis XIV objects to Versailles, but when he died, no will carrying out this intention was discovered. Gerald [redacted] had lawyers inquire into the matter, but without result. It was well known to many of Lopez's intimates that his intention was as stated.

This was the first night I [redacted] ever dined in the garden of an English house. There was not a drop of rain, darkness did not set in until almost eleven o'clock, and it was an unusually satisfactory party.

July 2, 1968 - Tuesday

Went this morning with E and Susan Mary Alsop to the Memorial Service for Randolph Churchill at St. Margaret's, Westminster. It was a simple, [redacted] lasting a half hour, with prayers and hymns, but no eulogy. Harold Macmillan read the lesson. The whole of the immediate Churchill family, with the exception of Pamela Heyward,

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were there, as were Bertie Marlborough and some of his children. Ted Heath, Elizabeth and Alec Home, Oliver Chandos, the Maurice Macmillans, Julian Amerys, occupied front stalls. There was a large attendance, and the whole affair was a moving testimonial to Randolph.

I stopped back at the office to meet the Scotland Yard officials whom Pete Skoufis was entertaining for lunch. Then I went home, where we had invited:

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Maudling
Mr. Hugh and Lady Alexandra Trevor-Roper
Lady Hartwell
Mr. John Wells
Mrs. Joseph Alsop
Mrs. Phipps
Mr. Peregrine Worsthorne
Nicholas Bruce

I had a talk with Reggie Maudling, who has replaced Enoch Powell as Shadow Defense Minister, about British military dispositions. I am to confer with him further on this subject. If the Tories come into power, and the previous decisions taken about East of Suez, especially [redacted] the Persian Gulf area, are reversible, his party will expect to reestablish a significant British presence there.

Henry Sears Lodge, son of Emily and Cabot, called on me in connection with his enterprise, Inter-Link Corporation. It is a new venture, representing an association of men combining academic, business, and government experience, whose goal is to provide European concerns with new opportunities for profit and growth, primarily outside the traditional European area. He has been exploring possibilities in Germany for developing interest in his concern, and is doing the same thing here. He has already interviewed some of the leading merchant bankers. Like all the members of the Lodge family, Henry, who is 38 years old, is personable and agreeable. He must be [redacted] over six foot 4 inches tall. He worked in the Hanover Bank in New York City for three years, [redacted] then was employed for more than ten years by the High Voltage Engineering Corporation. I have promised to give him what assistance I can.

Colonel Michaelis came in to tell me good-bye. He and his wife Joyce have bought a house in County Cork, Eire, which they hope, after it has been restored, to use as their major place of retirement. The Colonel is an excellent officer, and has been entirely cooperative and helpful to us here.

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Kay Halle arrived today to stay with us. She came over for the Randolph Churchill memorial service, and has been the guest for several days of Winston. She and Randolph were always great friends, and for a period were close to marriage.

E, Kay and I went to a dinner tonight given by the [redacted] Zuckermans at the Zoo. There were forty or fifty people there, almost all of whom were [redacted] friends. We had drinks on a terrace, then went into the underground places where the rodents and other animals who sleep all day and wake up at night have their habitat. Thereafter we were taken to the giraffe house. One of these enchanting creatures has just had a baby, and the combination was irresistibly endearing. Our next stop was the elephant house, but the attention of most of us was riveted by the spectacle of two colossal white rhinoceroses eating grass. One of these double horned animals had [redacted] tusk almost 2½ feet in length, and its [redacted] other must approach 18 inches. Nothing could possibly look more powerful or antediluvian. They are now rare, but are still to be found in the [redacted] Sudan, as well as in one or more African game parks. If [redacted] charged by such a creature galloping at a rate of 35 miles an hour, it would be a horrifying experience. Fortunately, they are short sighted, and usually proceed,when angered,in a straight line. It is said one should stand one's ground during a charge, until the animal is about 6 feet away, [redacted] then sidestep him. There are no instructions as to what should be a human's next move.

I sat between Joan Zuckerman and Loelia Westminster. Bill Walton [redacted] arrived this morning from Washington, and joined us there. These parties are singular, because of their surroundings, and jovial because of the exquisite hospitality of the host and hostess. We broke up about midnight.

July 3, 1968 - Wednesday

At the Country Team meeting this morning we sorrowfully said good-bye to our esteemed colleagues, Admiral McCain and General Box. Afterwards, McCain told me of his recent trip to Paris and Brussels, during the course of which he saw Cy Vance and General Lemnitzer.

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John Nowinckel came in to see me. He has been Public Affairs Officer in Rio for the last year and a half, but, fed up with his duties there, has volunteered to go to Vietnam, where his adventurous nature and proficiency in French should be of great value. Ellsworth Bunker has asked for his assignment as Press Officer at the Embassy, but Leonard Marks has refused to release him. The State Department is exercising pressure to effect this transfer.

Al Friendly came to see me this morning. He has been away for a couple of months, part of the time at his beach front house on the Turkish Coast. He continues enthusiastic about that part of the world, but says desirable property is now being snapped up, especially by Germans and Swedes. Al expects to do several articles on the state of the British economy.

I lunched today with Sir Alexander Spearman at 32 Queen Anne's Gate. His flat there is one of the most desirable in London, as is the quality of his food and wine. We had delicious Montrachet (de Guich followed by 1960 Ch. Haut-Brion. The other guests were David Harlech, [redacted] Derick Amory, John Freeman (High Commissioner in India, and Ambassador-designate to the United States), Joe Godber, and Sydney Irving. The subject of our discussion was the British-American Parliamentary Committee, of which Alec is the British working member. The operations of this Committee, as far as the American side is concerned, are unsatisfactory. [redacted] One of the reasons for this has been the inability, because of the pressure of his duties, of Senator Fulbright, once enthusiastic over its purposes, to attend other than occasionally the annual Bermuda gatherings. This has left the American management largely in the hands of Congressman Wayne Hays, whose arbitrary nature has not made him beloved by his associates in this enterprise. In addition, Fulbright and Hays are said not to be on speaking terms.

I volunteered to send Spearman our list of visiting VIP's, and both David Harlech and myself undertook, if we are in the United States this autumn, to see Bill Fulbright separately and try to bring about a better state of mutual cooperation.

This was the first occasion on which I had seen Freeman since his assignment to India. He is undoubtedly attractive, and reputed to be intellectually brilliant. Those who dislike him charge him with being arrogant and supercilious, but as a table companion today there was no trace of such defects.

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I said good-bye this afternoon to Norman Scott, who is leaving us after four years for an USIA position in Washington. This is a promotion for him, after twelve years of service abroad. He has been exceptionally valuable here.

Nin Ryan came to see me this afternoon. She wished to talk [redacted] about the meeting next spring of the International Council of the Modern Museum of Art of New York. I told her I doubted I would be here next May when her art friends make their tour, but if so, we would be glad to have a reception for them. She expressed amazement at the prices obtained for French Impressionist paintings, saying she had last week been offered a million dollars for a Manet she owns.

We gave a reception tonight for Roberta and Jack McCain. The guests who accepted were:

Since the McCains knew almost all of them well, this party was more informal and pleasant than where the majority of people start as strangers to each other and need warming up. I have seldom met a couple who, in a comparatively short time made so favorable an impression on Americans and British alike as have the McCains. How she has found time in her busy life here to explore the British countryside and to visit such a number of historical churches, houses, and out of the way places, amazes me. She is also strikingly goodlookin

I heard tonight for the first time, and with great pleasure, of his decision to take with him to Honolulu Nicky Brown as his Flag Lieutenant. Diane Brown is having another child in about a month, and will accompany her husband when he reports to CINCPAC.

July 4, 1968 - Thursday

Luckily for us the day was fine, so our annual Fourth of July reception running from noon until about two o'clock was especially successful, since no one lingered in the house but all spread themselves on the terrace, where drinks were freely passed and gratefully consumed. Most Chiefs of Missions attended, as well as a fair representation from the Government and the House of Commons.

Afterwards, we had a late but large buffet lunch for the swarms of young people who are either living in the house or are daily attracted to it--I have ceased to be able to determine who is or is not staying there. Unhappily, they are not always solicitous or thoughtful about their elders. When poor Susan Mary Alsop returned

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RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE FOR ADMIRAL AND MRS. McCAIN

Wednesday, July 3, 1968 - 6.30 - 8.00 p.m.

ACCEPTED:

Admiral Sir Varyl Begg,
First Sea Lord, Ministry of Defence.
(Lady Begg has a previous engagement)

Lieut.Commander and Mrs. Nicholas Brown,
Flag Lieutenant to Admiral McCain.

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Breyfogle (subject to train availability) no Trans
Retired, First Nat. City Bank; President, Monday Luncheon Club.

Mr. and Mrs. K.E. Brown,
Bethlehem Steel; President, American Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Colt,
Editor, Newsweek.

Lieut.Commander and Mrs. William Dailey,
Flag Secretary to Admiral McCain.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Don,
Chemical Bank New York Trust; President, Am. Chamber of Commerce.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Charles and Lady Elworthy,
Chief of the Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence.

Captain Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

Captain and Mrs. Clarence T. Froscher,
U.S. Naval Research.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Grandy,
Chief of the Air Staff, Ministry of Defence.

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Hampson,
(Mrs. Hampson is an Assistant Flag Officer to Admiral McCain)

Captain and Mrs. Michael J. Hanley (USN)

Captain and Mrs. William N. Hatch (USN)

The Hon. Mrs. Michael Henderson.

Captain and Mrs. James Houghton,
Assistant Naval Attache.

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ACCEPTED contd.

R Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Quilter,
The Rank Organization.

Sir Leslie and Lady Rowan,
Chairman, Vickers Ltd.

Field Marshal The Viscount and Viscountess Slim.

Lord and Lady Stamp.

Commandant General Royal Marines
General Sir Norman and Lady Tailyour,
Ministry of Defence.

EMBASSY:

The Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce
The Minister and Mrs. Kaiser
Mr. and Mrs. William B. King
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald I. Spiers
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Skoufis
Rear Admiral and Mrs. Louis J. Kirn
Colonel and Mrs. John Cutler (he has replaced Col.Michaelis)

NOT REPLIED:

A Air Marshal Sir Edward and Lady Chilton.
R General and Mrs. Lyman Lemnitzer (away but will tel. later)
A Rear Admiral Sir Anthony and Lady Miers.
R Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma.
R General and Mrs. James H. Polk.
Mr. Leon Turrou (probably traveling with Mr. Getty)
A Lady Hester Wilson.

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Further Acceptances.

Air Marshal Sir Edward and Lady Chilton.

Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks is back from the US and will accompany her husband.

Rear Admiral Sir Anthony and Lady Miers

Mr. and Mrs. John Mowinckel and their son John
USIS PAO Rio.

Lady Hester Wilson has been ill, but hopes to be there.

Regrets

Lord Mountbatten cannot get away.

General and Mrs. Lemnitzer have other commitments.

General and Mrs. Polk have official duties.

Mr. Quilter of the Rank Organization has been called out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Breyfogle are prevented because of rail cuts.

(The above has been communicated to Admiral McCain's office by telephone.)

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late last night, she found the front door bolted on the inside, decided wrongly not to shout anybody out of bed, and went off in her evening clothes to sleep elsewhere.

I was at the office this afternoon, thereby [redacted] ruining this holiday for Henrietta Morris, and labored there on Efficiency Reports due July 15. I am the Reviewing Officer for the Chiefs of Sections, as well as for the executive assistants of Phil Kaiser and myself. This is a difficult task, especially when one is reporting on people who are on the whole of unusual competence, as is the present case. Personally, I would be in favor of revising the form of these [redacted] reports so as to correlate closely what one has said in preceding years about an individual with one's latest reflections on him, thus saving the time of members of the Selection Board. As it is, I have no access to my previous recommendations and must start anew each year.

Tonight E and I went to the American Society in London dinner at the Dorchester, where we stood for a half-hour or longer in the receiving line with the President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Maxwell and Lord and Lady Hayter. Hayter was the guest of honor and principal speaker.

I fruitlessly suggested, many times in the past, eliminating the guest speaker and his wife from the receiving line on the ground they do not know the hundreds of people whose names are intoned in front of them, and [redacted] they would be happier if drinking with the VIPs in the small bar reserved for such occasions. I have never carried this point, but we have at last succeeded in committing them to suppressing the requirement of a white tie for men.

Lord Hayter is the Chairman of Chubb & Company, a famous safe and lock concern established by his forebears about 150 years ago. He has frequently visited the United States, where he has considerable financial interests. His personality is engaging, and he made a good speech.

July 5, 1968 - Friday

Left a half-hour late, because of plane delay, by Air France for Paris this morning. Jessie and Clem Wood were aboard. They are about to go to Spezia in Greece, where they have just completed their villa.

Put up at the Hotel Vendome, where I had not stayed for forty years. It has changed little except for a modern bar room, and preserves its red plush Empire atmosphere.

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Jean Monnet was waiting for me, and we lunched satisfactorily, even sumptuously, alone in the five table dining room. Hotels in Paris are hard pressed for customers. The Manager said he had cancellations galore, and scarcely any bedrooms are occupied, though normally at this time of year they have to refuse applicants. The servants dispiritedly harp on how France has gone to pot.

Not so Jean. He has played such an important part in many French economic and financial crises that another does not discourage him. He thinks, however, the solution of this one will demand international cooperation in connection with a rearrangement of foreign exchange rates. He said he was not yet prepared to discuss the dollar in this connection. He showed me a memorandum prepared by him, in which he advocates a certain course of action on behalf of the Europeans. He expects to give this to members of the German Government, and to discuss it with them with a view to their possibly putting it forward as a German proposal, since obviously the initiative cannot be taken by France. If the Germans do not assent to this procedure, he thinks he will offer it on behalf of his Action Committee. He is coming to London on July 14, to fill engagements to see the Prime Minister, Michael Stewart, Ted Heath, Cecil King (who interests him as a personality) and others. He expects to ask the British to accept membership in his Action Committee.

I envy Jean his state of vigor at the age of almost 80. His mind is as alert as ever, as is his politically inventive genius. His hearing is unimpaired, and he still climbs mountains.

After a couple of hours of this delightful company I went to see Averell Harriman. He is ensconced in B Building, adjoining the Chancery, on Avenue Gabriel. These quarters have been renovated, and are the same I occupied when I was head of the ECA Mission to France

Averell has taken for the duration of the negotiations with the North Vietnamese Flora Miller's house, formerly the studio of her mother, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. Marie is there with him, and I think they are both happy to be back in Paris. Since he is the most patient of negotiators, he is not disconcerted by the slowness with which this affair is proceeding. To date, the sessions have been largely taken up with propaganda statements by the Hanoi representatives. Averell and Cy Vance have countered them in detail. He remains convinced Kosygin is anxious to have a settlement in Vietnam. He

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does not anticipate either side will break off their discussions, but expects no positive results in the near future. He does not think we should consent to a total cessation of bombing unless and until the other side has made some concession in the form of abatement of their military activities. On the other hand, he is absolutely opposed, and has made this point clear at home, to a renewed escalation of our bombing effort. In respect to this, he had some interesting comments to make on the views of various individuals at home, pro and con bombing.

After a couple of hours with Averell I did some shopping at Jansen, then went to the Travellers Club, where I found a low level of drinking activity, and only a few members. [redacted]

July 6, 1968 - Saturday

The weather is warm and beautiful. For the first time in my life I visited the Musée Cognac-Jay. This is almost opposite the Café de la Paix. It has a fine small collection of 18th Century pictures, Oriental porcelains and French furniture. Afterwards I took a taxi to the Marais, where the Club de la Chasse is installed in the once famous private Hotel [redacted] Guenegaud, at 60 Rue des Archives.

This Club was formed a couple of years ago by a group of sportsmen in France, and I accepted membership in it. The fine old house, abandoned for years, was leased to the organizers at a nominal rent by the French Government, on condition it be thoroughly restored. Now it is in splendid condition. The attached museum has a fascinating collection of paintings, guns and miscellaneous equipment for shooting of all kinds, as well as a large display of mounted heads of wild animals.

Afterwards I walked for a couple of hours through the Marais, then went to a thriller at a movie house next to the Travellers.

July 7, 1968 - Sunday

Took the morning Air France plane to London. Inspected Albany Chambers this afternoon. Progress is being made--the whole place is now painted, there are carpets on the floors, and hope arises it will be habitable by the end of this month.

Tonight we had a dinner attended by Ali Forbes (Georgina has gone to Majorca with Nico Londonderry, both ill), Kay Halle, Susan Mary Alsop, David, Nicky, George Cattle and Anne Patten (they are engaged and want to marry in the autumn), and a couple of friends of Kay's.

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July 8, 1960 - Monday

Senator Hartke, Democrat of Indiana, came to see me this morning. He is interested in cutting down steel exports to the United States. There are large American steel plants in Indiana which cannot compete with cheaper imported products. He spoke of the possibility of obtaining some sort of relief from the American anti-trust authorities to enable representatives of steel corporations from the principal producing countries to get together and try to fix something like the [redacted] quota system applicable to coffee, sugar and other agricultural commodities.

The Admirals brought in Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius to see me. I found he was personally opposed to the removal of USNAVEUR headquarters from London to Naples, but said there was strong pressure in the Pentagon to have this done, since it would theoretically save eight million dollars in balance of payment terms. I found him nimble witted and pleasant.

Cecil King came to the residence to lunch with me. His so-called adversities seem neither to have affected his spirits nor to have left him idle. He said he was writing two books, one an autobiography, the second a treatment of his diaries kept during the war years 1940 to 1945. He told me his uncle Lord Rothermere once lived in the house later replaced by our present Residence. He intended to tear down the Nash villa and rebuild on its site, but having lost about forty million dollars in the American stock market during the 1929 crash, abandoned the scheme.

King has also engaged himself to do a series of television broadcasts this autumn. He made one startling side remark to me that I found unexpected, since he has the general reputation of being self-centered and egotistical. He said he had always been handicapped by "my own dislike for myself"--this was cryptic, and he did not comment further in this vein. He still believes the British economy is on the downward path, and the balance of payments deficit will not be cured, even during 1969. He thinks there is no political leader in either party who can capture the public imagination, but suggests if a tremendous crisis comes to pass, some comparatively unknown politician may be found capable of inspiring the people by television and attaining power. Otherwise, all one can hope for is a coalition government.

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I went this afternoon to Gordon Square for a meeting of the Kennedy Memorial Trust. David Harlech was in the chair. After disposing of other matters, we went over the accounts, which show a balance of about one million pounds, a sizeable increase attained by wise investments of the original fund.

After a spell at the office, E joined me to go to a reception at the Bank of England, in honor of the Kennedy Scholars.

Sue and Gene Black debarked at Southampton this morning from La France, and are staying with us.

There is nothing like the misfortunes of others to cheer one up. I have a sty on one eye, but soon forgot it when I saw Roger Sherfield this afternoon at the Kennedy meeting squirming on a pillow because of a boil on his bottom.

The British Kennedy Scholars whom we met at the reception seemed engaging and cultivated individuals. Only one of them was to attend the Harvard Business School, the rest will be following academic courses at the University and at MIT.

July 9, 1968 - Tuesday

Jack McCain came to see me this morning. He is mildly hopeful that the North Vietnamese offer to free three badly wounded American Airmen will include his own son. He is not certain, however, that his son would accept such preference. I had spoken to Averell about this matter, but he has been given no clue to the identity of those proposed for liberation.

Clyde Box came to say his official good-bye. He is a splendid officer, and he and his wife have made an outstanding success during his tour of duty here as Commander of the Third Air Force. He will be assigned to the Pentagon, but would prefer, if possible, to have another field [redacted] command. We have been [redacted] lucky to have him in Britain. The conduct on the whole of those serving under him, as well as of their dependents, has been remarkably good. He appears to have a gift for tempering discipline with understanding of the foibles of human nature. He said he had [redacted] a good many cases recently of his men smoking marijuana; he does not know where they procure it, but it is readily available to them.

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The Cromers' dinner was in their little gem of a mews house at 167 Pavilion Road. We hated to leave at the end, for it was altogether a delightful party. Selwyn Lloyd, Mary Lou de Zulueta (Philip was in New York), Joan and Garrett Drogheda, Helen and Michael Adeane, were there. Since Selwyn is not a member of the Shadow Cabinet, he is more than ever free in talking quizzically about Tory and Labour difficulties. There is to be a tremendous row tonight over the immigration bill, in which large numbers of Conservatives are expected to desert Ted Heath. Opinion varies as to whether Heath has been wise or not in his management of this explosive situation. Rowlie is by no means convinced the Basle grant of an extra two billion dollars of credit will cure, except in the short term, pressure on the pound. He served us an old brandy inherited from his father, blended at three different periods commencing in 1837. For some reason, if I take brandy at night it keeps me from sleeping soundly. I realized this later, for the combination of martinis, white wine, red wine, champagne and cognac was not soporific.

The Gore-Booths' party took place in their garden. Most of our diplomatic colleagues were there, and it afforded an excellent opportunity to converse with them. I also transacted a minor piece of business with Paul. He is retiring at the 60-year limit in February; it was announced today he will be replaced by Denis Greenhill, an old friend, who was [redacted] for many years in Washington.

July 10, 1968 - Wednesday

The Blacks left us today. George Ball will arrive tonight to stay. This is his first trip as Ambassador to the United Nations, during which he will address his attention especially to Middle East problems.

Staff meeting, at which the financial situation in England was discussed, as well as the forthcoming changes in the French Government. Stan Cleveland seemed to think the replacement of Pompidou as Prime Minister by Couve de Murville might be attributable to President de Gaulle's dissatisfaction with Pompidou's objection to some of his measures, especially worker-management participation, and even to jealousy of his present popularity. I took issue with this, for I cannot help feeling Pompidou would still be the General's favorite as his eventual replacement.

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Alexander McLanahan came to see me. After some years in the oil business, he has now taken charge of the stock brokerage office of Dominick & Dominick in Houston, Texas. He is a fine looking fellow; although he is my godson, I have rarely seen him. As so often happens, due to protracted residence abroad, I did not know until this morning that my old friend, his father, [redacted] died last winter. His mother and himself must now reach a decision as to what to do with their beautiful chateau Misery in Burgundy. It is one of the finest examples of 18th Century architecture in France, of the manor house type, surrounded by a moat, and lying neatly within an enclosure of about fifty acres. When I stayed there years ago, we used to sally forth in the mornings and gather snails for lunch.

Col. Lash, retiring as Military Attache, brought in his successor, Col. Finneran, to see me. Lash has been here for over three years, and is an excellent officer.

Sy Friedin called to present me with a copy, flatteringly inscribed, of his book. It is to be translated into several foreign languages, and he says it is having a large sale at home. He termed it "extremely controversial." It abounds with attacks on so-called experts in foreign affairs. Apparently he bears down hardly on some of our friends. I was told one statement in the text was to the effect that in giving advice on 24 matters of considerable importance in the field of Soviet-American relations, Chip Bohlen had advocated the wrong course of action in 22 of them.

I lunched today at the Ritz with Dreenagh Forrestier-Walker. She is living in the country, her husband being stationed with his field artillery regiment near Salisbury. He is being transferred shortly to the vicinity of London.

I was late for the garden party given by Lady Glenconner at her house in Camden Hill Square for the Winant Volunteers. Mary Soames [redacted] opened the proceedings, but I did not arrive until after she, E and others had departed. I shook hands, however, with all the American volunteers and many others. Unfortunately there [redacted] was a torrential rain, so the proceedings [redacted] took place in a crowded drawing room. Lady Glenconner is a cousin of E and her sister, Lady Chancellor, was also there.

This was my day for meeting godchildren. E and I went to a reception given by Nin Ryan for her son Johnnie and his wife, the spectacular looking D.D. I had scarcely seen Johnnie since I tried

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to hold him at the fount when he was christened in a Catholic chapel on Long Island. On that occasion, the priest, finding I was not of the true faith, removed the infant from my arms and had me represented by proxy. Young John looks like, and seems to have the same unusual charm, as his father.

July 11, 1968 - Thursday

George Ball and I came down to the office together, then went to the Council Chamber in the old Indian office, where the following were gathered:

The first item on the agenda was Nigeria. Lord Caradon explained what was being done about this through U Thant. The famine conditions there are now so terrible as to have aroused deep public [redacted] alarm in Britain and elsewhere. Although food supplies could readily be made available to the starving Biafrans, the two sides have not yet been able to agree as to how they will be delivered.

Afterwards there was a long discussion about the Middle East. I left before this was finished, to attend the memorial service for Tom Keating at Christ Church, Down Street. It was a simple and beautiful ceremony, attended by most of the leading members of the American community in London. Tom had been a stalwart in taking on responsibilities of many kinds in Anglo-American associations. At the age of 55, he was stricken with an unusual and undiagnosed ailment, later followed by cancer, and his troubles culminated this year when he became paralyzed and died at the age of 57. This Service made it impossible for me to attend the lunch given for Paul at Lancaster House, so I had recourse to Bucks, where one is always certain of good conversation.

Admiral McCain brought in his successor, Admiral Waldemar Frederick August Wendt, this afternoon.

Afterwards, L and I attended the farewell reception given by the attractive Finnish Ambassador and his wife. They are leaving London, having been posted here for more than ten years, for Rome.

Then we stopped at Claridges for the farewell reception given by Admiral and Mrs. McCain. I reached home in time to pick up George Ball and take him to the Hurlingham Club, where Caradon had a working dinner.

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Participants in Anglo/American Talks on United Nations Matters

United States of America

Mr. George Ball

H.E. the United States Ambassador

Mr. Joseph Sisco

Mr. Philip Kaiser

Mr. Ronald Spiers

Mr. Richard Hennes

Mr. Alfred Atherton

United Kingdom

Lord Caradon

The Rt. Hon. Goronwy Roberts M.P.

Sir Denis Allen (Thursday morning)

Lord Hood

Mr. Brenchley (Thursday morning)

Mr. Burroughs (Thursday morning)

Mr. Hayman

Mr. Bottomley (Southern Africa)

Sir F. Vallat (Legal Items)

Mr. Lambert

Mr. King

Mr. Moore (Middle East)

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At this morning's meeting with the British, Mr. Brenchley, speaking of the Suez Canal, said in the beginning its closure cost the UK about 20 million sterling, a month in balance of payments terms. This was later reduced to a loss of 5 million sterling a month, but now, because of the hardening of freight rates, has risen to ten million. The British are therefore most desirous of having the canal opened, while this is of little economic importance to us.

I thought Caradon used an apt expression in reply to the question of whether, in his conversations with Jarring about the Middle East, he [redacted] obtained much information from him. Caradon answered "He does not deceive, but he does not disclose."

The Hurlingham Club, where I used to watch polo matches many years ago still flourishes, but without polo. The great expanse of lawn runs up to the broad River Thames. There are dozens of tennis courts, an excellent clubhouse, and it is much frequented. Although it took over half an hour to arrive there from Regents Park, it is still in London, and I would guess the real estate is so valuable the area will eventually be converted into housing developments.

Although the conversation was rather general, [redacted] it was more or less a recapitulation of discussions that took place earlier in the day. It is obvious the Middle East situation is the chief preoccupation of our British friends. Since George is going on to Israel, and afterwards will visit some of the Arab states, he has promised to keep HMG informed of anything interesting he picks up during his trip. Ball said he expected that after their experience in June 1967, the Israelis were unlikely to settle for less than an unambiguous contractual agreement with the Arab world. It was decided to encourage Jarring to continue his conversations. Both our Governments will submit ideas to him which he could then pass on to the warring parties, in an effort to obtain their reactions. The object of the UN Resolution was to promote agreement between the parties, and Jarring's role was not one of mediator.

July 12, 1968 - Friday

I attended the Change of Command ceremony this morning in our auditorium, where Admiral McCain relinquished his functions here and Admiral Wendt took over. Both Generals Lemnitzer and Burchinal [redacted]

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[redacted] came over from the Continent for this occasion. Lemnitzer made a speech, and I followed with these remarks:

Afterwards, there was a champagne party at Naval headquarters, but I missed it, since I had to return to the office. The McCains are leaving this afternoon for Washington.

Victor Roudin came to see me this morning. I [redacted] last saw [redacted] him 35 years ago, when he headed the New York Young Democrats group, of which I was a member. He has now forsaken all interest in politics, is a member of a brokerage firm in New York, but his chief interest is in the field of art. He wishes to encourage industrial corporations at home, in Great Britain, and in the Western European countries, to put on periodic shows of paintings and sculpture. He is an engaging fellow, and even at 70, full of imagination and vitality.

We had a lunch at home today for the following:

The session was so agreeable, I was late in returning to the office, where the new Ambassador of Southern Yemen, A. J. M. Nasser, awaited me. He is only 31 years old, and was educated in Aden, in England, and in Edinburgh. I think he is the most taciturn diplomat I [redacted] ever met. It was almost painful to try to extract more than monosyllables from him. At the outset, I thought this might be due to sulkiness, but after a half hour of one-sided talk, I decided he was tempermentally reticent.

I accompanied George Ball to the Foreign Office, where we met Michael Stewart, [redacted] Paul Core-Booth and some of the other British officials. Stewart was particularly interested in hearing Ball's views on the future course of events in Western Europe, in view of the recent changes in France. I thought George made a brilliant exposition, including a plea for the British to continue strongly to support their application for Common Market membership. He thinks the real problem now will be in Germany, for if the Germans feel themselves neglected, they may in time turn their attention to the East. Hatred of the Russians is somewhat diminished as a result of 45% of the present West German population having never lived through the Hitler period. George thinks, I believe rightly, Great Britain is the only country that, if admitted to partnership in European institutions, would be acceptable to all concerned--except possibly the French--as a leader. Stewart went with us to 10 Downing Street. [redacted] There we were received by the Prime Minister, who had

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he is a latter day Admiral Mahan.

My wife and I feel a deep sense of personal loss over the impending departure of Roberta and Jack McCain from London. Nor are we singular in this regard. Something unusually dynamic and attractive in their personalities has drawn people here instinctively to them.

From a professional standpoint, I fully realize the importance of the post the Admiral is about to assume. His Mission as CINCUSNAVEUR has been satisfactorily terminated. Like a fresh sea breeze, he blew through the musty corridors of our bureaucratic system, sparks flying from his cigars, his objectives constantly in his sights and thoughts. Nor has he ever neglected to propound, in eloquent and persuasive terms, the virtues of American sea power. His discourses on the dangers of Soviet naval penetration of the Mediterranean have been animated by wise reasoning, and uncommon prescience. As far as I am concerned, I am now convinced we should have an aircraft carrier in every square mile of ocean, and a submarine in every bay, to say nothing of flotillas of other vessels in all the seven seas.

We shall all miss the Admiral and his charming wife more than I can say.

I have read, over a period of years, masses of instructions on effecting joint operations between various agencies of the American Government. But the achievement of successful results in that particular depends essentially on the character and personalities of the individuals involved.

Almost ironically, we are next week to witness another change of command [redacted] in the Third Air Force. Brilliant General Clyde Box and his delightful wife will also be leaving England. Admiral McCain and General Box, in carrying out their great responsibilities, have demonstrated how effectively the military powers of the United States Government can be blended with the civilian arms of that Government to serve a common purpose. Concurrently, they have elicited the respect and friendship of countless British citizens, who regard them as embodying the best qualities of civilized beings.

I am sure this happy situation will continue under their successors.

Now Admiral and Mrs. McCain, on behalf of every individual in this Embassy who has had the privilege of knowing you, I wish you an affectionate farewell.

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Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce
Mr. Nicholas Henderson (UK Ambassador to Spain)
Mrs. Polk Guest
Mr. Osbert Lancaster (Caricaturist)
Mrs. John Gunther
Mrs. Henry J. Heinz
Sir Frederick Ashton (Covent Garden)

Regretted

Lord & Lady Caccia
Lord Harcourt
Father de Grunne
Mr. Ronald Tree
Mr. and Mrs. McBaine
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wells
Mr. and Mrs. Lumet
Mrs. Osbert Lancaster
Hon. George Ball

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Michael Palliser with him, Cisco and Hennes being on our side of the table. George told the PM in strict secrecy of the conversations now going on with the Soviets about Vietnam, and expressed a guarded optimism over a possible constructive outcome from such communications. Clark Clifford has gone to Saigon to make an appraisal of our military posture there. Ball does not reject the idea of our agreeing to a complete cessation of bombing if our enemies offer a moderate quid pro quo.

I said good-bye to Ball, who is leaving this evening for the Continent, and went home, where we were having a grabbag reception. Our guests were mostly travelling Americans, including old stand-bys like Beth Leary, who come here annually. At such cocktail parties, in addition to those invited, our fellow countrymen often bring along acquaintances. On this occasion there were several children.

E and I went tonight to dine with the Jo Grimonds at their house in Richmond. Aside [redacted] from the elder Grimonds, there were three children, one of them a beautiful daughter, Ludovic Kennedy, and Lord and Lady Bute. Quite good food and drink, everything was perfect. The young people did the serving.

I cannot recall ever having spent a more delightful evening. The Grimonds are both enchanting people. I suppose if Jo had been a member of either Labour or Conservative party, he might well have become Prime Minister, for not only does he excel on television, but his personality in private and in public is of an endearing quality.

July 13, 1968 - Saturday

Went to the office this morning, and afterwards to see Margaret MacInnes.

Jim Surtees came to lunch. The Blacks have left us, and David departed yesterday for Berlin. Nick will be off on Monday, to take a job E has found for him where he will work with other young people presumably as a stonemason, in the restoration of a chateau near Montpellier in Southern France. He will pay [redacted] eight francs a day (about $1.60) for board, and he and his co-workers will have to prepare their own meals. I doubt he knows anything about cooking, but under stress should be able to keep himself from starving.

Sonny Slater, who was [redacted] at our cocktail party last night, came to see me at the office this morning.

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Drinks - Embassy residence - July 12, 1968

Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce
Mrs. Eleanor Martin (American Painter)
Miss Beth Leary
Commander and Mrs. Jackson Leroy Schultz
Mr. Willis Armstrong
Mrs. Peltz (Opera) and
Mrs. Campbell
Count and Countess Kinsky
Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes
Mr. William Kelley
Mr. Charles F. Palmer (Roosevelt Warm Springs Commission)
with grandson Mr. Moses
Mr. H. N. Slater
Miss Abrahams
Mr. Garrett Smalley and granddaughter (Kansas City News)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Morse
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Bustard
Mr. William Warner (Smithsonian)
Col. and Mrs. Thomas Finneran (Army Attache)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skiff
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stevens (President's Art Admin.)
Mr. and Mrs. Young (Painter)

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Sonny, together with the First National City Bank of New York, is the Executor of his father's estate. As respects residence, his father had established one in Switzerland. He divided his property between his three sons and his widow, Marie Louise. Even after the payment of heavy death duties, there will be a substantial amount for each of them.

I was pleased at having a chance to talk to Sonny. He is devoted to his step-mother, as indeed he should be, for his father was most difficult to deal with, especially in his later years, and Lulu went cheerfully and devotedly through as great an ordeal as one could imagine. Sonhy is an officer of Colpitts & Coverdale, a famous firm of consultant engineers, with business all over the world. It is a small organization, comparatively speaking, with about forty principal participants. They not only advise on management problems, but undertake to staff companies who consult them.

In the late afternoon I went to observe the latest developments at Albany. Except for the workmen having dumped beams so heavily on our floors as to shake the plaster in the ceilings of the apartment below us, owned by Lord and Lady Huntington, who have sharply protested, we have thus far caused no damage to our neighbors. We have arranged to make reparation to the Huntingtons, and are hoping our own work will terminate by the end of this month. The slowness with which it has been executed is at times maddening; I have never experienced so little being accomplished by so many.

July 14, 1968 - Sunday

All quiet in Regents Park. Walked, swam, conversed, read three books.

July 15, 1968 - Monday

Fleur Meyer came to see me this morning. She has taken charge of a charitable showing to occur on September 10 of GONE WITH THE WIND, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to establishing several fellowships in honor of Vivien Leigh, who was a great friend of Fleur's. One of the Gloucester Princes and myself are to be the guests of honor. Since MGM has donated the theater and the film, she hopes to clear something like £10,000.

Willis Armstrong called on me. He has now been for a year at Columbia; it has not been a happy one for him, especially because of

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the convulsions caused by student dissatisfaction. There is a chance he will be offered the Presidency of Bowdoin College in Maine, in which case he would accept it.

Lunched with Dreenagh Forestier-Walker at Bucks. At last I was able to go with her to see a teaset she has long coveted. Afterwards, I did some shopping on my own for Albany. We have begun to transfer books there, and have accumulated almost everything necessary for the kitchen. I have selected some linen and towels, which with what E already has should enable us to try the accommodations in August. We have engaged a housekeeper, Mrs. Campbell, who goes there daily and seems efficient.

Admiral Robert Dennison came to see me this afternoon. He has just been to Lisbon. He thinks our policy of being nasty to the Portuguese has been a great mistake; I agree with him.

I was later photographed with the Jeb Stuart crew who have just had a remarkable and unexpected success at Henley. They only started this sport three years ago after buying a shell and practicing on their own. They won the National school championships for the United States, which brought them an invitation to Henley, where they defeated the best British schools competing each day of the four-day event.

Clyde Box and his wife gave a farewell reception this evening at the Columbia Club, where they introduced their successors, Major General and Mrs. Lawrence Lightner. I went to it, then rushed home to attend a small party of our own, at which these people were present:

[redacted]

Dowager Marchioness of Reading
Mrs. Healey
Lady Hesketh and three sons
Mrs. Quennell
Mr. Wolfgang
Lady Diana Cooper

Stella Reading, aside from still running the WVS, is active and deeply interested in proceedings in the House of Lords. She told me, to my surprise, that Peter Carrington, Conservative Leader at the Lords, usually an equable man, has occasionally displayed terrifying flashes of temper such as one might expect from Quintin Hogg, but not from Carrington. She had heard Hogg's now [redacted] famous speech on the immigration issue, and thought it magnificent. Everyone agrees that at his best, Hogg is perhaps the best orator in public life here.

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Stella also told me that Julius Holmes had been desperately ill for the last couple of weeks in Washington. This is the first I heard of it.

Tonight, E and I dined with Virginia and Aidan Crawley. The other guests were Lord and Lady Longford, David Montagu and his attractive French wife. As always with the Crawleys, the food and conversation were equally good. Since Aidan resigned his seat in the House of Commons to go into television, he has been busily engaged in completing a book on General de Gaulle which should be published this winter. We heard differing opinions advanced about the reasons the General [redacted] dropped Pompidou. One of the guests described it as a petty act. Although I am always ready to denounce de Gaulle for his narrow Nationalism, and for harmful things he has done in relation to NATO and other matters, I have never considered him to be animated by petty notions. When he errs, it is on the grand scale. As an example of his attitude toward people who have defied him, I always remember the cases of Andre Dewavrin and Roulier, who when they forsook him politically, were still treated by him as personal friends.

July 16, 1968 - Tuesday

I received word this morning that Julius Holmes [redacted] died in Washington of lung cancer. He was one of the most competent officers in the Foreign Service. He served here for years as DCM, thereby forfeiting chances to become a Chief of Mission, since successive Ambassadors insisted he was too valuable to be allowed to depart. Then he became involved quite innocently as a stockholder in a company owning ships sold to the Chinese Communist Government. Exonerated at last, he was an unusually successful Ambassador to Iran. His war service [redacted] was brilliant--he was one of the small group who accompanied General Clark in a British submarine to the Algerian coast, where they landed in advance of the Torch operation.

Transacted routine business at the office, then went for a walk with attendant window shopping. Stopped at a pub to drink a pint of beer and eat smoked salmon.

Back at the office, I saw Theodore Brown, Executive Director of the American Leadership Conference on Africa. His son Ted was a classmate of Nicky at St. Alban's School in Washington. I found Brown

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interesting and intelligent. For some time I have puzzled over the most suitable way to mention Negroes in conversation. I understood from what he said they should be referred to as "blacks". He, a black, was a close friend and co-worker with Dr. Martin Luther King, and is now identified especially with Roy Wilkins and Philip Randolph. His chief concern at this time is over the troubles in Nigeria. I told him I thought his group should do everything possible to induce the Biafrans to accept even what might seem onerous conditions imposed by the Nigerian Federal Government, in order to facilitate the movement of food stuffs to the starving Biafran people. At present, this situation threatens to lead to a major catastrophe. Some ten thousands of Biafran children are probably already beyond recuperation. The toll mounts daily, and could well run into the millions while those on both sides haggle over how relief might be extended. I told Mr. Brown that in my opinion the problem of Federalism vs. Secession should be neglected for the time being, hostilities should cease, and humanitarian considerations should be uppermost. Our Government has made a generous offer to the International Red Cross to assist it in its endeavors to succor this stricken population.

Our new Admiral Wendt called on me this afternoon with Lou Kirn for our first session together. I was consulted by him in my capacity as his Polad on sending the Shoup, an oceanographic vessel, into hitherto forbidden waters in the Eastern Mediterranean. She is unarmed, and will remain at a distance of at least twelve miles from the coasts of Syria and the UAR. The USSR has been using similar craft in this area, and I see no reason why we should unilaterally debar ourselves from whatever advantages might accrue from such an undertaking.

I [redacted] had an amusing letter from John Brown, written in Mexico City. He seems to have decided to leave the Foreign Service and engage in activities elsewhere. He [redacted] was notified by the Department of State that as an FSO-1, the last Board [redacted] rated him in the lowest 5% of his class. This seems remarkable, in view of his extraordinarily good record, and especially since he was promoted to the rank of FSO-1, one of the few Cultural Attaches to have attained it, only a year and a half before the last Board passed this opinion on him. One paragraph of his letter reads:

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"Perversely, I was rather flattered to have been placed in the"lowest 5%." At least it showed that I was far from being homogenized and had remained something gritty and sui generis and somehow irritating. I would have been wounded to have been in the lower half. But to have made the lowest five, to have plumbed the absolute depths of bureaucratic degradation is a kind of distinction, such as it is. Les extremes se touchent."

We dined tonight with Kay and Rudolph de Trafford at 70 Eaton Square. The others were Ricky Renshaw, Slim Keith, Loelia Westminster, Elsa and Jim Bowker, Peter Coats.

Kay has, over a period of many years, had the wisdom to buy beautiful art objects, and constantly to improve her collection by weeding out inferior pieces when she found better ones. By the use of comparatively modest means, she and Rudolph are now in possession of some of the most attractive [redacted] things in private hands. The result is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by taste and tenacity. We had a gay time and dispersed about midnight.

July 17, 1968 - Wednesday

Staff meeting this morning. Joe Palmer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, told us about his recent seven-week trip through his territory. I thought him perhaps a bit credulous in his expectancies [redacted] of marked economic improvement in the Congo and in Guinea. He thinks Col. Ojukwa has been stubborn and unrealistic in his dealings with General Cowan and the Nigerian Federal Covernment. Palmer is convinced that secession must not be permitted. He believes the Federalists have done what they could to permit the supply of food to starving Biafrans, and the objection of the latter has been unwise. He still hopes the meeting of the Organization of African States will bring a solution.

Winthrop Brown came to see me this morning. During the period he served here he became familiar with the tribulations of the British economy. After circulating amongst old friends, he still thinks the people are not conscious of their parlous situation. The purpose of his visit is to discuss China with officials in the Foreign Office. He says the information about affairs in that country is not sufficiently trustworthy to lead to any judgment about what is taking place, but does confirm the widespread impression of an almost complete breakdown in law and order. For example, one of the main

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THE AMBASSADOR'S STATISTICS

March 15, 1961 - June 30, 1968

	Total 1961 Apr-Dec	Total 1962	Total 1963	Total 1964	Total 1965	Total 1966	Total 1967	1968 Jan-Mar	1968 Apr-Jun
A. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS									
1. Congressional letters and telegrams received	652	818	533	544	744	1170	1378	262	158
2. Letters from Amb to Congress	-	-	-	-	-	1389	1470	270	180
3. Congressmen who visited London	-	-	-	-	-101	121	134	25	24
a. Staff	-	-	-	-	-	94	100	12	21
b. Dependents & Escorts	-	-	-	-	-	114	123	8	34
4. Courtesies extended to (3) above by the Embassy:									
a. Met upon arrival					96	293	271	34	69
b. Hotel reservations					75	236	222	31	72
c. Local transportation					90	248	219	33	64
d. Appt.with Amb					5	32	34	2	8
e. Briefing by Amb					1	2	15	1	8
f. Meetings with other Emb officers					53	95	196	19	18
g. Lunch/Dinner at Residence					15	19	31	0	0
h. Receptions at Residence					15	14	14	0	18
i. Entertainment by other Embassy officers					29	52	97	5	8
j. Arrangements for schedules or travel					72	215	248	36	47
k. Appts with official or non-official British					56	92	78	11	24
l. Secretarial Services					0	48	29	5	1
m. Sightseeing assistance					-	112	123	17	21
n. Shopping assistance					-	107	130	19	22
o. Counterpart funds					-	117	100	14	18
p. Accompanied to departure point					89	268	248	33	58

	Total 1961 Apr-Dec	Total 1962	Total 1963	Total 1964	Total 1965	Total 1966	Total 1967	1968 Jan-Mar	1968 Apr-Jun
B. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO LONDON									
1. State Department:									
a. Dept Asst Secy rank or above	-	-	-	-	88	133	92	22	34
b. Below	-	-	-	-	-	580	631	48	89
2. Other official:									
a. DepAsstSecy rank or above	-	-	-	-	59	88	114	25	25
b. Below	-	-	-	-	-	843	883	83	238
3. Other, Non-Official:									
a. Principals					ZNXN	2014	1792	232	53
b. Dependents						626	746	223	135
4. Courtesies extended to above:									
a. Met upon arrival						421	585	104	93
b. Hotel reservations						1289	2517	455	898
c. Local transportation						280	607	83	86
d. Appointment with Amb						52	154	28	19
e. Briefing by Amb						45	75	19	9
f. Meetings with other Emb officers						684	912	65	139
g. Lunch/Dinner at Residence						22	119	3	4
h. Receptions at Residence						62	72	5	1
i. Entertained by other Emb officers						374	479	57	90
j. Arrangements for schedules or travel						497	2815	811	1172
k. Appointments with official or non-official British						506	824	59	94
l. Secretarial services						274	432	35	49
m. Sightseeing assistance						64	224	25	53
n. Shopping assistance						60	180	21	49
o. Counterpart funds						2	2	0	0
p. Accompanied to departure point						365	526	101	89
C. TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC									
1. Telegrams received by Embassy	25962	34241	34322	38875	34361	36068	42461	9723	10153
2. Telegrams sent by Embassy	8011	12601	15220	9229	9303	9917	10656	2583	2743
3. Cryptoguard	-	-	-	-	-	14468	10259	2623	2775

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D. AMBASSADOR'S INVITATIONS									
1. Receptions (including Nat'l Days and cocktails):									
a. Invited	262	228	227	254	273	277	193	38	56
b. Accepted	32	29	19	21	24	48	31	4	6
2. Lunches:									
a. Invited	116	102	71	58	81	83	106	21	23
b. Accepted	53	33	21	16	23	41	69	11	13
3. Dinners:									
a. Invited	178	169	129	110	160	145	126	31	35
b. Accepted	34	31	16	19	25	47	41	13	15
4. Miscellaneous:									
a. Invited	227	253	226	182	188	229	189	44	56
b. Accepted	40	47	26	31	24	38	37	9	6
5. Days Amb away from London on official business	84	87	83	48	96	70	33	12	2
(distance in parenthesis)	(29191)	(26562)	(27314)	(27997)	(58369)	(39309)	(18595)	(7430)	(786)
6. Speeches given by Amb	19	27	7	16	12	15	17	5	4
7. Calls on Amb by US officials (other than staff)-Totals:	92	105	89	328	107	118	203	50	30
a. State	43	43	26	39	39	44	75	11	14
b. USIS	1	0	7	1	3	2	7	1	0
c. White House	1	2	7	4	3	1	5	0	0
d. Defense	2	6	5	15	6	2	4	0	0
e. Army	4	0	4	16	14	0	11	1	2
f. Navy	7	2	6	20	6	6	10	20	11
g. Air Force	10	2	5	195	0	9	3	0	0
h. Treasury	3	2	4	2	4	2	3	0	0
i. Misc. other	21	48	24	35	37	52	88	17	5
8. Calls on Amb by other than US officials & staff-Totals:	266	348	310	435	160	210	190	65	47
a. Foreign Ambassadors	52	28	24	32	29	38	35	11	7
b. Foreign Journalists	38	30	47	22	5	21	14	6	2
c. US Journalists	44	68	66	62	46	72	47	11	8
d. Misc. others	132	222	173	319	80	110	110	37	30

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9. Calls on Foreign Ambs.....	66	16	22	23	20	26	0	0	0
E. RESIDENCE									
1. Given by Amb (No. of guests in parenthesis):									
a. Receptions.....	31 (1496)	32 (1817)	18 (1583)	25 (2468)	21 (2804)	26 (3986)	38 (2620)	7 (23)	8 (735)
b. Lunches (incl.those in Embassy).....	42 (318)	61 (520)	30 (268)	34 (355)	26 (411)	41 (518)	64 (631)	24 (83)	16 (173)
c. Dinners.....	33 (355)	33 (372)	29 (306)	27 (279)	21 (314)	22 (494)	31 (438)	7 (135)	6 (115)
d. Breakfasts.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 (8)	1 (2)	0
2. Mrs. Bruce:									
a. Wives meetings.....	9 (532)	12 (888)	11 (864)	10 (1043)	12 (684)	15 (878)	12 (807)	2 (240)	4 (259)
b. Ambassadresses rec'd..	8	24	6	13	10	8	5	3	0
3. Overnight guests (number of nights in parens).....	45 -	66 -	67 -	82 -	59 -	71 -	56 (167)	12 (22)	18 (65)

(The above list includes only functions of an official nature and does not include lunches, dinners, weekend events, etc given or attended by the Ambassador which were primarily personal and private.)

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Supper - Embassy residence - July 17, 1968, 11:15 p.m.

Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce
Mr. Peter Wilson
Philip Wilson
Mr. Fish
Lord Amulree
Mr. Douglas Cooper
Bernard Flotte
M. Morque
Katherine Mayleen
Alexandra Jellicoe
Julian Barry
Baron Waldrecht
David Owens-Jones
H. J. d'Algive
Mrs. Ian Fleming

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Schaefer's family have been in the brewery business in the United States for almost 150 years. He brought 100 cases of beer on the ship with him, and expects to take some of it to Germany for distribution in the city where his family originated, and where for a long time they owned a brewery.

Monnet has seen numbers of the British leaders, including the Prime Minister, Secretary of State Stewart, and Roy Jenkins. He has obtained the assent of the Prime Minister to Labour Party representation on the Action Committee of Europe. This may prove a valuable achievement, since it would give the British a forum in which to deal with the Continentals.

The people E brought home from the theater were a lively lot. Peter Wilson had conducted the auction at the Scala Theatre. Many interesting costumes and dresses were disposed of, but the capital item was a backdrop by Picasso, bought for the nation at £69,000 through funds raised by [redacted] Arnold Goodman, Chairman of the Arts Council. When one thinks of such a price, and realizes that Douglas Cooper, who was with us, owns dozens of Picassos, the imagination staggers at what such an individual could realize by their sale. When I went to bed, there were still friends in the house who remained until 3 a.m., during which time they dispatched three magnums of champagne.

July 18, 1968 - Thursday

David Hall and Rex Rudy from Oklahoma, bearers of a letter of introduction from Senator Mike Monroney, came to see me. David Hall, an attractive man, is, after one unsuccessful try, again a candidate for Governor. They both thought the nominations of Humphrey and Nixon [redacted] are now assured.

I met two new Political Officers this morning, Jack Sulser (Art Woodruff's replacement) and Gordon King, who will take over from Steve Palmer.

General Hardy is turning over his Naples command on August 1st, and will return to Washington to become Commandant of the Industrial War College. He is a splendid officer, and during his services in England we were much attached to him and to his charming wife. Both of them came to see me today.

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Lady Jackson (Barbara Ward) came to see me this afternoon. She has labored incessantly over the Adlai Stevenson Foundation and its programs. She feels it is essential to raise another two million dollars for an endowment fund, in order to obtain a matching grant from the Ford Foundation. We agreed what is needed is an angel. She has one in prospect who has made a large fortune by selling his business to IBM. We also discussed the way in which a serious approach could be made to Bill Benton, who, it is said, when recently listed in Fortune as being worth in excess of 150 million dollars, complained the estimate was far too low. Barbara Ward is a really extraordinary woman, for she has maintained her prestige as a lecturer, teacher, economist over a long period and in many countries; besides which she is uncommonly attractive and excellent company.

At four o'clock I attended a wreath-laying in Grosvenor Square. This little ceremony was devised by Charles F. Palmer of Atlanta, Chairman of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Commission. I introduced Palmer, who made a speech to the thirty or forty people who [redacted] gathered near the statue. We [redacted] did our best from the Embassy to stimulate interest in the proceedings, and though it was a bright summer day, spectators were sadly wanting. Nevertheless I do not think Palmer was wholly displeased, for the ceremony was well covered by photographers. Next I called on Gavin Astor, now Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pilgrims, who delivered an excellent discourse.

Tonight E and I presented ourselves at Charing Cross Pier at 7:30, to join the barge party to which Drue and Jack Heinz [redacted] asked 100 or more people in celebration of Lady Arran's birthday. The guests [redacted] were requested to come in "unconventional dress". Most of them did so. E wore her black Smoking, with lace cuffs and jabot. Others were more exotic. I put together a patchwork of a planter's strawhat, dark glasses, a blue velvet coat, Bruce tartan trousers, and espadrilles. This was almost conventional, compared with some of the other male attire. We sailed as far as Greenwich, then retraced our path to the starting point. There was drinking, eating, dancing, and much conversation. Amongst those there were Princess Alexandra, Angus Ogilvy, the Belgian Ambassador and his wife, and other luminaries. We got back to the wharf after midnight.

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This is the first occasion on which I saw Black Velvet served before dinner. This combination of champagne and stout is a good cooling summer drink, but so varied are tastes that many of the guests demanded whisky, gin, or vodka. There was no gin or vodka, but an abundance of whisky. We had a buffet dinner, and a hot dish of sausages and mashed potatoes. Fortunately there was no rain, so the trip was ideal, and one had splendid views of Putney, Chiswick and Greenwich.

We passed under the new Waterloo Bridge. This is the first time I had seen this interesting structure at close range. Mr. Shirley-Smith commended it to me as one of the best examples of that type of modern building. He is considered an expert, for it was he who designed and constructed the now famous bridge across the Firth of Forth.

July 19, 1968 - Friday

Jean Lambert came to see me this morning. He flew over from New York yesterday for this express purpose. The poor fellow sat over five hours in a TWA plane at Kennedy Airport, because the control tower officials were on a go-slow strike. A proposal has been made to him by the U. S. Steel pension fund to acquire his holding of Great Northern Corporation capital shares for a nominal sum, in return for which the pension fund would assume all liabilities of LIC. The reason for this offer seems to be the desire of the powerful Anglo-American Company of Canada, a subsidiary of the great Oppenheimer, Engelhart, etc. Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, to acquire a majority holding in Great Northern. This could only be done if Lambert parts with his controlling interest in the latter company, which is divided between LIC and Lambert & Co.

I strongly urged him to negotiate the best deal possible, and consequently to relieve himself of the nightmare that has for several years destroyed his peace of mind after the failure of the Canadian Acceptance Corporation. As nearly as I can figure it, he and his companies between them owe something like ten million dollars as a result of this bankruptcy. There is now a possibility that if all wer well in the meditated transaction he would emerge free and clear of debt, with several million dollars in his own possession.

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Lunched with Jean Monnet at Bucks. Since receiving a favorable response from Labour Party leaders about membership in the Action Committee, he saw Ted Heath and Jeremy Thorpe, from whom he received pledges of their desire to do the same. He must now button up George Woodcock, so as to have Trade Union representation. Jean never appears elated over his successes, but this is certainly one of the most brilliant [redacted] of his many spectacular negotiating performances. He is remaining here another day before going to Ile de Re to join Sylvia for a few days.

Last night Germaine, Mary Louise Bousquet's faithful maid, told Evangeline on the telephone that Mary Louise was now so bedridden she would probably never walk again, and was worried because the portrait of her by Jacques Emile Blanche, which she wanted us to have, had never been taken away by us from her apartment. I called Woody Wallner at the Embassy in Paris, and he kindly agreed to see to this at once. I suppose E is the dear old lady's closest remaining friend, and we are delighted at the prospect of having this excellent portrait, done of her at a time when her life was so filled with gaiety and success.

I was due to go to the annual meeting at Ditchley, which is to be addressed this year by Alec Douglas-Home. Customarily I make a short speech of thanks on behalf of the American contingent to the orator for his effort. This time I decided I would abstain from attendance, and dispose of the seven hours it would require in attending to business here.

Don Maitland called me this afternoon to say that the Foreign Secretary wanted to raise with me informally the question of having Averell pay a visit here before Stewart goes on vacation August 2nd, following the recess of Parliament. Afterwards Stewart will be away from London until mid-September, since he will be making, part of the time, an extended trip in Eastern Europe. I will call Averell on this subject. I had previously told Michael Stewart that Harriman was [redacted] reluctant to come over until there was something substantive to report on his conversations in Paris.

Jack Herfurt told me this morning that Sneyd-Ray [redacted] was flown away last night, in the custody of several of our Federal Agents, in a military aircraft that will make a non-stop trip to Memphis, Tennessee. I am glad for everyone's sake this case, as far as Britain is concerned, has been disposed of. The British authorities were entirely cooperative throughout; much of the credit for this favorable conclusion is due to Herfurt.

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July 20, 1968 - Saturday

A fatality seems to attach to any expedition I make to the country. We had arranged to spend the weekend at Boughton with the Buccleuchs. Just before leaving, Bob Skiff gave me a Top Secret telegram received this morning, instructing me in my complete discretion to deliver a message to Michael Stewart saying we supported HMG's position on the supply of arms to the Federal Government of Nigeria. I think this reflects a feeling at home probably formed as a result of Joe Palmer's recent trip to Africa.

On my way to the train I wrote a reply saying I appreciated having the decision left to me, and was opposed to making such an approach. I feel sure that if we gave voice to such an expression of approval it would be leaked, and involve us unnecessarily and dangerously in a situation regarding which, up to now, we have kept our skirts clear, in the sense of supplying arms to neither of the contending parties, but only offering aid for famine relief.

We arrived at Boughton in time for lunch. I am always happy to be there, since the host and hostess are so solicitous about and warm to their guests, and the whole place is, in my estimation, [redacted] the most attractive in the British Isles. At one time Walter Buccleuch had fourteen houses, but this number has now been reduced to three large ones--two in Scotland and this [redacted] in Northamptonshire, all of them filled with art objects excelled only, with the exception of public museums, by those in possession of or belonging to the Queen.

Our fellow guests were Professor Charles Ryskamp (he has written a book on William Cowper, and spends half the year at Princeton University), John Singe (proprietor of the Redfern Callery), Robert Corbett, Robin Fedden, Diana Phipps, Kisty Hesketh, Norman St. John Stevas, and Caroline Gilmour with four of her five children.

In the afternoon most of us went to see Kirby Hall, an unroofed structure now going to ruin, but under partial repair by the Ministry of Works. It was the home of the Winchilsea family, who abandoned it in 1919, after removing its contents. It is now huge and forlorn, but an interesting example, for the most part, of Jacobean architcture.

After tea at Boughton we made a tour of the rooms in this great palace. At and after dinner Robin Fedden and Bobby Corbett astonished even those of us who knew them well with the brilliance of their conversation. Since Stevas is no mean performer in that field, there were exchanges of a high order.

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As a further diversion, we watched Robin McEwen and Tony Lincoln conduct a television program about the existence or the contrary of the Loch Ness monster. The Jury by one vote favored the theory propounded by McEwen that such a creature did exist.

July 21, 1968 - Sunday

Madame Paul Reynaud (widow of the former French Prime Minister) and Mademoiselle Reims (a relative of the famous Paris auctioneer) arrived this morning, stayed for lunch, and made the usual house tour. I went with others to Drayton, owned by Stopford Sackville. This is another of the most famous great houses of England, and our trip was thoroughly rewarding. Sackville has spent the 42 years of his residence there restoring and caring for it. The result is entirely gratifying. The gardens were laid out after designs by Le Notre.

Following lunch, E, Diana Phipps and myself went off by car to visit Althorp, still owned by the Spencer family. [redacted] The present house is largely the result of adaptions made to a previous property about 1573. The interior has been from time to time altered. The contents, especially the silver, are amongst the finest in Britain. Many of them came by inheritance from the difficult old Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, who disliked her eldest grandson and gave everything she legally could to his youngest brother. Here also Le Notre is said to have made the original designs for the gardens and park. One of the Spencers was a bibliomaniac. He accumulated over 90,000 books, which were said to constitute the finest library in England. Perhaps unfortunately, a descendant sold the bulk of them in 1892, and they are now to be found in the Rylands Library at Manchester. Although the house and grounds are impressive, and well worth a visit, they did not seem to us up to Boughton.

We took a train at Northamptonshire for London. After arrival I read office telegrams, and was given an account of the demonstrations today in London. Our Embassy was expected to be a main object of attack by anti-US Vietnam policy objectors, but the police funnelled them away down one side of Grosvenor Square into South Audley Street, where they ran amok against the Hilton Hotel, private houses, automobiles, pedestrians, and anything else obstructing their progress.

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July 22, 1968 - Monday

Robert C. Storey came to see me this morning. I had known him before. He is from Dallas, Texas, [redacted] a former President of the American Bar Association, and has always been active in serving on governmental commissions of one sort or another. He is now a member of the President's National Crime Commission, as well as of the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission. We talked a good deal about the Nuremberg trials, in which he participated, about President Johnson's tribulations, for which he has deep sympathy, and he told me something of the present state of play in connection with the attempt to settle upon a route for the construction of a sea level canal. He does not expect the Commission to make a report on this last subject before 1970, although its members recognize the facilities afforded by the present Panama Canal are entirely inadequate to meet shipping demands.

We had a lunch at home today for

Lady Diana Cooper
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tree
Mr. & Hon. Mrs. Alastair Forbes
Miss Joan Haslip
John Ardagh
Professor Ryskamp

Mr. Ardagh is going to Czechoslovakia this week. Like some of his friends in the Foreign Office, he is more alarmed by the possibility of Soviet armed intervention in Czechoslovakia than are their opposite numbers in the State Department. Thus far, in spite of threats, the new Czechoslovak Government is not yielding in its stand for comprehensive liberalization of Communist doctrine and practices in their [redacted] country.

July 23, 1968 - Tuesday

The new Japanese Ambassador, Morio Yukawa, called to see me this morning. He was stationed in London over twenty years ago in their Embassy. Since then he has been Ambassador to the Philippines and to Belgium. Born in 1908, a graduate of the law department of Tokyo University, he is a Roman Catholic. Magnificent gold teeth.

Lunched at Cafe Royal with Nico Londonderry. Her husband has sold their house in Hampstead, and is moving to South Kensington. She said he [redacted] was tempted by the tremendous price offered for the Hampstead place.

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Sherwood Tarlow of Boston, a Judge of the Probate Court in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., came to see me this morning, with a letter of introduction from Endicott Peabody. He is touring England with his family. He spoke of owning nine or ten radio stations, which at his seemingly youthful age somewhat surprised me.

W. H. Chamberlin of the Wall Street Journal, whom I have known many years, called on me. He has always been an accurate observer and reporter on economic and financial matters in Europe. I found him neither pessimistic nor optimistic over prospects of Great Britain. He thought a reform of the tax system here was necessary to furnish incentives both to management and labor.

Admirals Wendt and Kirn came to see me. The British have bought some Navy Phantoms for use on the aircraft carrier Ark Royal when she has been refitted. Our Navy people are ready to make an offer to place at the disposition of the Royal Navy one of our carriers in the Mediterranean for a week or ten days, for training the British pilots with their craft before the Ark Royal becomes available. It seems to me this would be a generous and useful proposal. I suggested to Admiral Wendt that he take this matter up informally after the new First Sea Lord assumes office, and elicit from him during an informal conversation his views about such an undertaking. I doubt there would be political objections to it, but the possibility of them must be further considered. Undoubtedly the First Sea Lord would tell the Prime Minister about this and then we would be free to make a formal offer if it then seemed desirable in the light of indications given to Wendt.

I stopped at Albany today to have a look at the consequences from a leak in a water tank last night that deluged several of our books and affected the painting on one wall. The damage was not serious, but could easily recur. The remedy proposed is to pierce a hole carrying a pipe into a near-by bathroom.

I had not seen the Felix Fenstons for a long time, and invited myself to tea with them tonight at 19 Hill Street.

Felix is leaving for Australia the end of this week. He is engaged in large building operations there on heretofore undeveloped land. He said that concomitant with the boom in mining and other industries in Australia, urban real estate values have risen sharply, and bid fair to continue to do so.

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He is an inveterate newspaper reader who takes government functionaries to task if he notices what he considers [redacted] derelictions in dealing with the public. He gave me an amusing account of how he [redacted] tried to have a telegram delivered to me at the residence in Regents Park on my birthday, after being told by several intermediaries this was impossible, for the telegram could only be delivered to our offices on Grosvenor Square. Winfield House presumably being off limits for such purposes, he appealed to the Postmaster General, and is now trying to effect a reform in the system.

Greta was her usual charming self, and I much enjoyed my visit.

Pauline and Philippe de Rothschild arrived tonight from Paris, to spend several days with us.

July 24, 1968 - Wednesday

At the staff meeting this morning Pete Skoufis read us a bad news telegram from the Department. It complies with orders to reduce personnel [redacted] the executive departments. We are now to be restricted in the filling of vacancies in this Embassy. Such action added to the eliminations about to be ordered under BALPA II will cut near the bone, especially in our Consular work.

I have definitely settled with Averell and the Foreign Secretary that the former will not come to London in the near future, since he has nothing new of substantive interest to impart about his Vietnamese conversations in Paris.

The difficulties between the Soviets and the Czechs are still acute. The entire Soviet Presidium is expected to come to Czechovlovaki this week. Since there are waverers and perhaps even determined opponents in Dubcek's ruling group, the Soviets no doubt hope to suborn them and turn them actively against their chief. I have not thus far believed, in view of the unpopularity such an action would create, the Soviets will intervene militarily in the near future. I should think from their own standpoint the best game they could play would be to foster a coup d'etat to overthrow the present government, and replace it by one more friendly to their interests and doctrine. If this were successful, and were followed by outbursts of violence, the Russians would be in a better position to control disorder by military means.

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Freddy Reinhardt came to see me this morning, with Charles Anderson, President of the Stanford Research Institute.

Afterwards I joined E for the annual Anglo-Chilean Society lunch at Grosvenor House. The invitations specified "12:15 for 12:45", all guests being requested to be there in advance of Prince Philip's arrival at 12:45. We arrived before 12:45, and had a long wait, since Prince Philip had been delayed by an engagement in the City. The banquet room was crowded. I sat between Elizabeth Douglas-Home and George Thomson, a lucky placement for me. Victor Santa Cruz made his customary eloquent discourse. He is a magnificent public speaker. The Duke of Edinburgh responded adequately, but could not match his predecessor.

At the office I saw Sir Peter Scarlett, Chairman of the Cathedrals Advisory Committee. He [redacted] was sicked on me by Jack Wheeler-Bennett to inquire into the practicability of setting up in the United States a tax exempt organization through which funds might be raised from American citizens for the support of the British institution already in being devoted to the preservation of historic churches of all denominations. After reading a communication from his American lawyers, I advised him to go ahedd along the lines they [redacted] suggested. Scarlett is a former diplomat, having been Ambassador to Norway and Minister to the Holy See.

Tonight, after a talk with the Rothschilds, E and I went to see Felix Kelly, who is having an exhibition of paintings which will be shown later in the United States.

From there we went on to a buffet dinner given by Antonia Fraser.

In my miscellaneous mail I received today this communication, with its enclosure:

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Dear Sir,

In this day and age, when American industry appears to be stretching into all corners of the World -- particularly in to Britain -- and U.S. influence in reaching further and further afield, it is gratifying to learn that in some things, at least, we are one JUMP ahead of you,

Yours,

John Bull

U.K. students 'are most promiscuous'

ENGLISH students are sexually more promiscuous than their counterparts in America, Canada, Germany, and Norway, according to a survey published in New York.

Seventy-five per cent of English male students and 63 per cent of English female students who took part in the survey reported they had experienced intercourse.

Among the five national groups the English attached least importance to the idea of chastity before marriage, and showed the greatest proportion who had had sex with more than one partner.

The survey indicated that an English college girl is nearly five times as likely to indulge in casual sex as a U.S. college girl.

American Vance Packard, author of "The Hidden persuaders" and a research group from the University of Connecticut organised the survey.

The results are to be published next month in a book by Packard. "The Sexual Wilderness," excerpts appeared today in McCall's magazine.

Although a majority of American college girls reported they were virgins, the survey revealed a 60 per cent increase in sexual activity among U.S. college girls since the Kinsey Report 20 years ago.

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Of all the associations here, designed to promote good relations between Great Britain and a foreign country, I think, with the exception of the Pilgrims, the Anglo-Chilean Society is foremost. This is due in part to the strength and importance of the British colony and their descendants in Chile and to the close trade relations between the two, but even more largely perhaps to the way in which Victor Santa Cruz for a decade has fostered every possible move toward mutual understanding. At the lunch today all political parties were represented, including Jeremy Thorpe and his wife for the Liberals, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stewart, George Thomson and others for Labor, and the Homes, with other Conservative leaders.

The pictures Felix Kelly showed us reflect his last visit to the United States, where he did many paintings of scenes ranging from Maine to Louisiana. They are to be exhibited at Arthur Tooth's gallery in October. They not only display his talent in a pleasing way, but I would think would make a great appeal to American purchasers. We are lending him his picture of Staunton Hill for the exhibition.

The Frasers' party tonight was typical of the skill and hospitable atmosphere they always engender on such occasions. People of various professions, trades, occupations and interests overflowed the house. I had a talk with Cecil King and his wife about his appearance yesterday at the meeting of shareholders of IPC. It seems the majority applauded him when he entered, and also when he concluded his statement. He has been given what is called here "a golden handshake" of £35,000 as a terminal salary, the equivalent to what he received per annum as Chairman. I suppose the British tax authorities will take most of this. The Kings were in high spirits.

Got home about midnight.

July 25, 1968 - Thursday

Mr. Shields came in this morning with his replacement as Deputy SUSLO, Geo. Donadoni. Afterwards I saw Messrs. Martin and Mylchreest of Gulf Oil about their refinery opening in Wales on Saturday, August 10, which we have promised to attend.

[redacted] Lunched at Carlton Towers as a guest of the American Chamber of Commerce, who held their annual meeting this morning. As I have always done in the past, I made a [redacted] lengthy review of matters of political, economic and military importance to the United States.

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E and I attended the Queen's Garden Party this afternoon. This is the third and last in the series of three given by her at Buckingham Palace, and the only one to which we are invited and for which we can suggest a list of Americans. Most of my countrymen rent from Moss Bros. or similar establishments morning dress and top hats for this occasion.

Tonight we went to a buffet dinner given by Fleur and Tom Meyer at Albany for the new Brazilian Ambassador, who is an old friend of Fleur's. She says he is one of the ablest and most attractive men in Brazil, and will undoubtedly play a lively part in London life.

Governor McKeithen of Louisiana sent one of his staff to the Diplomatic Tent this afternoon, to bring me around to meet him, his wife, and some of his companions. I repeated what I had sent word about previous that I could not on this occasion arrange to present him, as he [redacted] requested, to the Queen. I explained how this affair was managed. She, Prince Philip, and other members of the Royal Family come down the steps from Buckingham Palace and wander without any previously set course through the crowd. Ultimately they arrive at the Pavilion where special guests, including members of the Diplomatic Corps, have been invited to await them. When she reachaes this enclosure she and her party have tea [redacted] one corner, while the rest of us take it or soft drinks, if preferred, from a long table, rather splend with an array of silver gilt, hot water kettles and other conveniences. Then the Queen sits under a roofed-over plot of grass, where various Commonwealth notables are presented successively to her. The Governor took this in, and was entirely amiable about his disappointment.

Some time ago, in advance of his arrival, we [redacted] were informed that since he had been threatened with assassination in Louisiana, he would have with him during his European trip two armed guards. Later on, we were given the numbers of the revolvers they would be carrying, and instructed to inform appropriate British authorities of this.

During the Garden proceedings I had an opportunity to congratulate Speaker King again on his monograph about the life of James Oglethorpe, the founder of the Colony of Georgia. This piece [redacted] not only informative, but [redacted] well written. The Speaker has made frequent visits to the South, and often refers to himself as a "Georgia cracker".

I had an interesting talk with the clever High Commissioner of Pakistan, once Foreign Minister of that country. His President, Ayub Khan, is in England having a medical check-up. This has been successfully terminated with the declaration Ayub has been restored to good health.

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At Fleur Meyer's tonight, there were about 75 or 100 people amongst whom were quite a few journalists, including Hugh Cudlipp. We did not discuss his encounter with Cecil King a few days ago. He is a vigorous publisher and writer, and makes no bones about his enjoyment of having succeeded King in the International Publishing Corporation.

I sat for [redacted] a time with Nicole Bedford (to the amusement of many, she always signs herself Nicole de Bedford). She is [redacted] entertaining on the subject of the future plans of her husband and herself for the further expansion of their already extraordinary activities at Woburn. She said, however, that Iain was depressed at the lack of interest taken in the possible future inheritance of the place by his son Tavistock, and even more so by the complete indifference to it of Tavistock's wife, Henrietta Tiarks, daughter of Henry. I do not know to what point Bedford has now reduced the indebtedness at Woburn to his Trustees, but he expects eventually to extinguish it entirely.

We got home shortly after midnight.

July 26, 1968 - Friday

Went this morning to see Mr. Austin, 71 Harley Street, to have my teeth cleaned. As a further health measure, I went to Miss MacInnes's.

We had a luncheon at home for the Rothschilds, the other guests being Lord and Lady Cladwyn, Stephen [redacted] and Mrs. Spender, Francis and Mrs. Watson, and Fred Warner.

After the Moselle, a Ch. Canon 1959 was served, and everyone was complimentary about its fine quality.

For dinner tonight we had these guests:

Baron and Baroness Philippe de Rothschild
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lumet
Mr. and MRS. Aidan Crawley
Mr. Jonathan and Dr. Rachel Miller
Mr. Raimund von Hofmannsthal
Mr. George Weidenfeld
Mr. Nicholas Henderson
Mr. John Wells
Lady Amabel Lindsay
Miss Margaret Anne Ducane

Everything seemed to go well, or perhaps the people there were just being uncommonly polite; at any rate, most of them stayed beyond midnight. Amabel Lindsay, always a great beauty, was even superlatively so this evening.

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July 27, 1968 - Saturday

E and I set off this morning by train for Salisbury. For years we have made and broken engagements to visit Cecil Beaton in his country house near there. I can imagine no more enchanting a weekend than we passed. The house has been done by him with the originality of taste and imagination which distinguishes all his undertakings. His garden room, often photographed for periodicals, fully deserves its reputation for attractiveness. A passionate gardener, his flowers would vie with those to be found anywhere. Freddy Ashton was the only other person staying with him, and we were lapped in the extremes of comfort. Within the brick walled enclosure surrounding the house itself is a separate studio building where he paints. It in itself would be [redacted] a paradise. In the course of his career he has met and known well such a variety of people that one absorbs from his conversation their biographies in picturesque oral capsule form.

At dinner tonight Dorothy and Anthony Head, Mollie and Robert Cranborne appeared from their own places not far distant. Mollie is almost staggeringly lovely. Robert farms not only the large Cranborne estate, but also Hatfield for his parents. Anthony Head, once Minister of War, is a delightful, able man, now retired after long service as a Governor General in Africa and in Malaysia. His wife Dot became, during their stays abroad, a passionate advocate for the natives of newly emergent countries. She entertains such strong feelings about the Smith regime in Rhodesia that, because of Lord Salisbury's championship of it, she broke off all connection with the Cranbornes, and this is the first time they have met for many months. The evening ended in a fortunate atmosphere of great cordiality.

July 28, 1968 - Sunday

We motored this morning through what seemed endless avenues of huge trees on narrow country roads to Cranborne. I had not been there for years, and had almost forgotten how unique this house and grounds are. It was built, as I recall it, about 1530, and externally has been little altered since. The forecourt, with its gate lodges and Italian loggia, [redacted] is a totally unexpected sight in the peaceful Dorset countryside. Everything about it is charming, and above all, the owner and his wife.

From Cranborne we went on to Crichel, inherited by Mrs. Marten, whose family name is Sturt. She is married to a good-looking retired Naval Commander, George Marten, and was the only daughter of the third

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and last Baron Alington. They have five daughters and one young son. I knew her father, Napier Alington, many years ago. He was quite a famous figure in British society during his youth. I first met him in the 20's at Berne, Switzerland, where he was taking treatment for tuberculosis at a famous clinic there. His habits were deplorable, but his charm was great.

Crichel is a vast building, palatial in its exterior and interior proportions. Alington thoroughly restored it about 1935, but after his death in 1940 it was used, I think, as a school, and sadly dilapidated. Some people say agreeable Mrs. Marten is the most extravagant woman in England. In any case, she has set about the reconstruction and refurnishing of this house with almost incredible brio and tenacity. It deserves such treatment, for its bones are elegant, its situation superb. The great rooms are stacked with furniture, pictures and rare objects that, after two or three years, should make it [redacted] attractive.

Next we went to lunch with Clarissa and Anthony Eden. They have a desirable Queen Anne house with enough acreage to support a small herd of beef cattle, and I thought it a marvelous retreat for Anthony, surrounded as he is there by comfort, beauty, and superb flowers, to which he is greatly attached. If one did not know how cursed his life has been for many years by severe illness, one would not suspect he is other than carefree.

After a perfect lunch we motored on to Wilton, where Lord and Lady Pembroke, great friends of Cecil, took us around the rooms, for once unfrequented by tourists. After seeing it, I was almost inclined to revise my opinion of Boughton being the finest house in Great Britain. It is impossible to compare them, because of the many differences between them; each in its own way has enormous distinction. The famous double cube room at Wilton, built to contain the Van Dyke portraits of Pembrokes, must be unparalleled for grandeur. It hardly seemed possible that the river running through the lawn within a few miles from the considerable city of Salisbury contains trout and [redacted] salmon. Pembroke is the 16th Earl, and she is a cousin of John Hope. He is a collateral descendant of Philip Sidney, who was, I think, born at Wilton.

We took an evening train from Salisbury, arriving home for a late dinner. I dealt with today's telegrams, the only ones of especial interest being those connected with the Bolivian Argueda, who is causing us much trouble. This man, a member of the Government at La Paz, scooted out of

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his country after it was learned he had forwarded the famous Che Guevara diaries to Fidel Castro. The Bolivian politicos and military were furious, since they were attempting to sell these papers for a high price to foreign publishers. Unfortunately for him, Argueda neglected to take a passport with him; consequently, when he sought refuge in Chile he was not made welcome. Our Embassy gave him a visa on a Chilean document of identity for entrance to the United States, but the British crossed their wires to such an extent that when he arrived in London the Immigration Officers, for lack of proper entrance papers, wished to ship him back at once to Chile. At this point, the British and American security services entered the game, and what is to happen to him is still undecided. His plight has, however, created a scandal at home, and provoked a political crisis in Bolivia. We shall no doubt have more trouble over this tomorrow.

July 29, 1968 - Monday

Bill Tyler came over from the Hague this morning, to see me, and we had lunch together at the house. I thought this admirable man intended to resign from the Foreign Service the end of this year and devote his time to other pursuits. He is, however, still undecided whether he would accept another Ambassadorial assignment. He has long been the target for universities, foundations and art institutions seeking to secure him. Of the people I have met in the course of my life, I would place Tyler in the foremost rank for character, ability and agreeability. He has an extraordinary command of language, both in English and French, and is an accomplished scholar in German, Italian and Spanish. He reads Dutch easily, and also delivers speeches in it.

For lunch, after a Moselle, we shared a bottle of 1926 Ch. Lafite, a glorious wine, but as far as I can recollect the other, inferior to Cheval Blanc of the same year.

Jeff Kitchen came to see me at the office this afternoon. He has resigned from the Foreign Service, and is now employed by the Northrup Aviation Company. He took this step with considerable reluctance, but felt there was no apparent opening for him as a Chief of Mission. I believe he was wise in doing so, although I regret his departure from Government, for he is an exceptionally skilled and effective individual. He expects to spend about a year in Iran, where the Shah is intent on building up his Air Force and other military components.

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Mrs. John Pope, wife of the Director of the Freer Museum in Washington, called on me. She heads the International Exhibitions Foundation, and has applied to the Queen for the loan of some of her famous drawings at Windsor, for a show to be held in Washington some time in 1970. The Queen has heretofore refused to have her paintings, drawings and books sent abroad, but Mrs. Pope is hopeful this policy will be altered.

Phil Kaiser, Bronson Tweedy, Ron Spiers, and David Whipple met with me today, to consider the latest developments in the Arguedas case. The British are anxious to get him out of the country as quickly as possible. We understand he may be granted asylum in Peru; otherwise, we hope a proper visa for the United States will be granted him, and he will be able to cool off there until the present storm in his own country over him blows away. The Cubans are still beseeching him to come to Havana, but he states he wishes not to have any truck with them.

Joe Alsop arrived last night, after a cure in Germany, to stay 36 hours in London. He wants to see his step-daughter, Anne Patten, and her fiance, George Crile. He is much attached to both of them, and favors their desire to be married in October.

Released from the discipline of a cure, Joe drank a variety of beverages and chain-smoked, while carrying on his usual witty strain of conversation. In spite of his strong and vociferous prejudices, he is a devoted and affectionate friend, even when fiercely differing politically with those he loves.

July 30, 1968 - Tuesday

David Newsom came to see me this morning. He has done exceptionally well as our Ambassador in Libya. He thinks our relationship there has greatly improved during the last twelve months. The negotiations over our use of Wheelus Air Field are effectively shelved for the present. Significant new petroleum discoveries have recently been made in Libya, and within twelve months it may become the fourth largest oil producing country in the world, ranking after the United States, the Soviet Union and Venezuela. An out-turn of three million barrels a day is possible. At present, Libyan revenues from petroleum sources are running at the rate of almost 900 million dollars a year, which on a population basis represents more than $600 per capita, for a nation which ten years ago seemed destined to almost perpetual indigence.

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I lunched and spent most of the afternoon with E at Albany. John Fowler has, in spite of [redacted] ill health, at last addressed himself seriously to assisting in the completion of work there. His eye for textures, colors, hanging of pictures, placing of art objects, is in my judgment almost unerring. We had transported many things from Winfield House on a temporary basis, to judge how they might fit in at Albany. I thought the result satisfactory, indeed attractive.

July 31, 1968 - Wednesday

Joe Alsop left this morning for Washington.

Staff meeting. Many of our people have started on their vacations; the number attending such meetings is already reduced by at least one-third.

Erick Wentworth, representing the Washington Post for economic matters in Europe, came to see me. I was favorably impressed by him. He was followed by Stefan Munsing, formerly in London in the Cultural Affairs office, who has just been named to replace deceased Nancy Kefauver as Adviser on Fine Arts for the Department of State. I think it is a good choice. We discussed the problem of how my successor here might be able, through his agency, to borrow furniture and other objects for the ill equipped residence. The Government owns there only three pictures, and a number of prints. Stefan wants to broaden his advisory [redacted] committee, and already has promises of extensive loans for the equipment of our Embassies abroad.

John Jordan, of Raleigh, North Carolina, a person of some influence in the affairs of the Democratic party in that State, came to see me this afternoon, at the request of Emmett Ford.

We had drinks at home tonight for:

This was about as mixed a group as we ever entertained, for there were few of those present who had met each other previously. Despite this, they all warmed up as glasses clinked, and I believe and hope enjoyed themselves. Bishop Pinckney of South Carolina cut a fine figure in his purple waistcoat. I urged him to rally the richer members of his distinguished family and induce them to have a portrait painted of his ancestor, Thomas Pinckney, who was Minister here from 1792 to 1796. I had not seen Sir Harold Christie for some years. He has done more for the development of Nassau than any one else, and is said to have become immensely rich in the process. When I first met him, it was in the immediate aftermath of the murder of Sir Harry Oakes, but it was never

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Accepted

Mr. Henry & Dame Cicely Andrews
Mr. George Bijur
Doreen Lady Brabourne
Mr. & Mrs. R.J.C. Collis
Colonel & Mrs. Norman Colville
Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh & Lady Constantine
Mr. David Curry (? & fiancee)
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Dale (Zoo Public Relations)
Mrs. Diana Daly
Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Dickens
Miss Linda Dresser
Air Chief Marshal Sir Francis & Lady Fogarty
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Forte
Sir Archibald Gordon
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Gotlop
Mr. Charles Harding
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Hayes & Miss Isobel Hayes
Miss Elizabeth Hudson (Mrs. Caulkins)
Patricia Countess Jellicoe
Lady Lang
Dr. & Mrs. Alec Lerner
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Malcolm
Rt.Rev. John A.Pinckney & Mrs. Pinckney (Bishop, Upper S.Carolina)
Mrs. Ridder - if possible
Rev.Marcus & Mrs. Spencer
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Milstein
Miss Jill Weldon (Mrs.Milstein's daughter)

Awaiting Reply

Monsieur & Madame de Cornes (Air France)
Mrs. Eddie Gilmore
Mr. Marshall Haseltine & Miss Carla Haseltine
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Hobson
Mrs. Cecily Severne
Mr. & Mrs. J.W.Ruck (Welbeck Hall)
Miss Cynthia Wright
Mrs.Alexandra Bishop (daughter-in-law of Dr.Louis F.Bishop)
Mrs.Mary Park Johnstone (friend of Mrs.Bishop)
Dr. & Mrs.Chappelka

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proven that he had the least connection with it, though the accusations made against him bedeviled him for years. He was staying in the same house as Oakes when the latter was killed.

August 1, 1968 - Thursday

Emmett Ford came in to tell me good-bye. We [redacted] attempted to have him made Consul General in Edinburgh, but much to my disappointment this recommendation failed. Since Scottish Nationalism has become a burning question, I felt a man of Ford's ability was badly needed there. The actual Consular work is not onerous, and he would have been able to report on political developments in all parts of Scotland. He has now been assigned to the Nato Military College in Rome.

Chet Cooper came to see me yesterday. He has been in Paris, talking to Averell about the Vietnamese negotiations. There [redacted] no progress in them. We reminisced about the meetings here between the British and Kosygin in February 1967. He said he [redacted] embarrassed as a result of so-called revelations in the book on this subject written by two American correspondents, but did not know from where the leaks came. He thought Walt Rostow [redacted] behaved almost hysterically at that time, in which opinion I concur.

Dr. Roger Morgan of the Royal Institute of International Affairs came to see me this morning, to talk about the book he is writing on relations between the United States and West Germany since the war. He was particularly interested in the close understanding [redacted] and affection, that existed between Foster Dulles and Chancellor Adenauer.

I went to Agnew's this afternoon for their annual exhibition of what they call "cheap" paintings. This was for pictures by Old Masters at under £1,000. I was tempted by a sketch of Sir William Allan (1782-1850) of Polish exiles on their way to Siberia. This is a sketch for the artist' picture now in the Academy, painted in 1834. I thought it attractive, and yielded to the temptation of purchasing it for £250.

I think we finally disposed today of the Arguedas case. The British have been insisting on his leaving here tomorrow, and State has been fiddling around with our request for an immediate visa to enter the United States. A passport was flown to him yesterday from Bolivia, so his papers are now in proper order. Finally I called George Springsteen at the Department. He is an activist, and we had a favorable response almost immediately.

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Phil Kaiser has found he does not need to undergo an operation, so [redacted] he is leaving tomorrow with Hannah for a two-week vacation. During the first part of it they will stay with the Trees in Florence, and afterwards will cruise on Sam Spiegel's yacht in the Mediterranean.

August 2, 1968 - Friday

E and I [redacted] accepted long ago an invitation from the Duke and Duchess of Richmond to attend the race meeting today at their Goodwood course. We were to leave for the train at 9:30 a.m. By 9:00 o'clock it looked as if I would not get off, because of involvement in a matter discussed late last night between Bill Calloway and Clare Hollingworth, military correspondent for the Daily Telegraph. In Saigon and Hong Kong she had talked to North Vietnamese, who told her they were certain their people would stop military activities if we would announce a complete bombing halt. She was not, however, able to identify her sources, since their names were unknown to her, and meetings [redacted] were arranged between them as if they were all Secret Service operatives unwilling to disclose their identities.

She has written all this up, and it is to appear in the Telegraph on Saturday morning. Now she would like to postpone publication until she can check further with North Vietnamese, to whom she would have ready access in Paris. Her paper does not want to delay publication, so I undertook to call Michael Hartwell, Publisher of the Telegraph, and lay the facts before him, giving our own support for this [redacted] suggested postponement. I found he was in a nursing home, and had the greatest difficulty persuading the sister (who insisted he was "in a place from which it would be embarrassing to summon him") to let me speak to him. When I finally established communication, [redacted] I found him unaware of the issue, but he said he would inform himself about it. One question he patently asked was whether, if Miss Hollingworth's story were delayed, she would not be scooped by somebody else on the same subject. Obviously I was unable to answer this.

Having cleared the decks as far as possible, we went off to Goodwood, where the races were excellent, though a cold north wind caused the thousands of spectators considerable discomfort. This is, to my mind, the most beautiful course in the world, with hardly a building to be seen, and the sea in the far distance. It is owned by the Richmonds, an absolutely delightful couple, as is their son, Lord March, and his wife.

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They have a large box of their own in a little building back of which are rooms for entertainment. The Queen and Prince Philip arrived for drinks at one o'clock, and shortly afterwards we all sat down to a delicious cold lunch. I was between the Queen and the Duchess, while E sat next to Prince Philip and the Duke. Amongst those present was Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochefort, who at the age of 81 is retiring this year as the Queen's principal trainer. Horses trained by him have won during his successful career all the classic races. He is an attractive fellow, about 6'4" in height, with a large establishment at New Market. He said the famous partridge shooting there, especially at Six Mile Bottom, has declined to such a point that it is no longer pursued. This is generally true throughout Great Britain. Boyd-Rochefort also trains for Jock Whitney and other American owners, with whom he is allied in close friendship.

The Queen talked at some length about violence, especially amongst young people throughout the world. I always find her conversation interesting and informative.

Three sides of the Duke's box are enclosed, so regardless of weather it is a perfect place from which to watch races.

E and I returned this afternoon by train; I read the telegrams, also ascertained that no answer had been received about the Hollingworth affair.

August 3, 1968 - Saturday

Palasz, our remarkable butler, left this morning for a two-week vacation in the Channel Islands. Most of the rest of our household staff will be away at various times this month, so we have more or less abandoned entertainments during that period. Parliament rose on Friday, and starting today there will be sharply diminished activities in all government departments, [redacted] In spite of lessened travel by Americans to the Continent, it is expected their influx here during August will be the greatest in history.

The Soviet-Czechoslovak confrontation last week was so shrouded in a security mist that we are not yet aware of what really took place, although it is hoped Dubcek did not have to make many fundamental concessions to the Russians.

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The British newspapers are giving more space than ever before to our American elections. They have aroused intense interest here, and our polls are closely scrutinized and commented upon. The general impression is that Nixon and Humphrey will be the respective nominees of their parties. They are the favorites by small margins in local betting.

At the office this morning I found the Hollingsworth article had been published; I am rather glad of it, because Michael's premonition proved true, and an almost identical piece appeared today in the International Herald Tribune, while Murray Marder had a somewhat similar one yesterday in the Washington Post.

Went to Miss MacInnes, then lunched with Jim Surtees. E has inveigled me into being sketched by Polly Bishop, hence I spent a good deal of the afternoon at her studio in Orme Square. She works so fast, and her conversation is so comprehensive that, given the additional pleasure of looking at her, I passed a delightful afternoon. I think she has unusual talent as an artist.

I noticed in the paper today a reference to something Bill Tyler spoke to me about earlier in the week. Many years ago his father had gone to an auction in London with the then Director of the Victoria & Albert Museum. Royall Tyler there acquired a stone marble capital of the 11th Century for £150. He loaned it immediately to the Victoria & Albert, where it has since remained. On this trip Bill went to look at it, and decided to donate it as a gift to the museum in memory of his father and the Director. He found it was inventoried at a valuation of £10,000. Since Tyler has no financial resources beyond his salary, this was a magnificent display of generosity.

Tonight E and I saw on television "Casa Blanca", which greatly stirred us when we first saw it in 1943 in London. I still think it is one of the best films ever made. Humphrey Bogart was at his best in this part. I have never cared much for Ingrid Bergman, who plays the female lead, and in this case I thought she looked insipid and entirely unlike the type of woman one would expect to find engaged in desperate and dangerous clandestine work.

There is a revival at home of interest in all Bogart films, and they are being currently shown there in movie theaters and on television.

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August 4, 1968 - Sunday

Went back this afternoon for my second and final sitting at Orme Square. I was thoroughly pleased with the result, and think it almost as good as the one she did of Sacheverell Sitwell which [redacted] prompted E's desire to have something similar done of me. Polly said Orme Square [redacted] originally [redacted] a gravel pit, extending into the present Kensington Palace Gardens. A Czar of Russia entered into a contract with the proprietor to have gravel shipped to St. Petersburg from this site--a somewhat improbable but not impossible tale. Pleased with the operation, he gave to the owner for erection at the opening to the present Orme Square, where it still stands, a large eagle on a stone column.

I do not think I will send to Jack McCain a remark I read today, made by Winston Churchill when he was First Lord of the Admiralty: "Naval tradition? Naval tradition? Monstrous. Nothing but rum, sodomy, prayers and the lash."

August 5, 1968 - Monday

I started the morning by handling a disagreeable matter at home. Our nice old Russian chef, who denies himself all material pleasures and is pillaged, we believe, of his earnings by his children, re-introduced his son André, whom we [redacted] disposed of a year or so ago on security grounds, as his first kitchen boy. To accomplish this, he [redacted] fired Gino, a competent and amiable man, neither of which adjectives can even on charitable grounds be applied to André. Last night we were informed that another son, the one who had been a female impersonator in a Cairo nightclub, [redacted] arrived here and [redacted] staying in the house. He had once previously been refused entry into Great Britain on security grounds. I met Chef alone in the big dining room and berated him in French. I told him an Embassy residence was not an hotel, that all employees had to be checked for security, and I was thoroughly discontented with him in the light of these actions. It is common knowledge in the household that he hoped to introduce his daughter as a maid, and possibly a son-in-law as a footman. I could understand his strong family feeling, but he is completely unmindful of the feelings of the other domestics, who loathe and are afraid of André, since in moments of rage I understand he threatens them with carving knives. I think Chef was shaken by my tirade; so was I.

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Lunched at White's. Crowded, since it has offered its facilities to members of the Turf during August. London Clubs stagger their summer closings. The Beefsteak is shut until August 13, Bucks until early Septembe the Turf the same as Bucks, and the Garrick until August 19.

Commander Chappelka, a great favorite with all of us, a sympathetic and I think brilliant physician, is leaving later this month for a spell at the University of Pennsylvania. I went over to see him this afternoon, and met his replacement, Commander Brown, who has been [redacted] warmly recommended to me by Stanley Reed, ex-Justice of the Supreme Court. Brown has been looking after numbers of Senators and Supreme Court Justices. He thinks Justice Hugo Black, at the age of 83, ought to give up playing tennis. Senator Hayden, one of his patients, decided when he reached 90 not to run for reelection. I asked the doctor what he regarded as a proper retirement age for such individuals. He thought most of them should drop out in their 70's, for he found they were [redacted] often unaware of their mental and physical shortcomings.

Took a booster shot for typhoid, and must later have one for tetanus.

Tonight Georgina and Ali Forbes came for dinner. The project of having Ali go to Paris with Christopher Soames has fallen through. Earlier this evening he talked to Lord Chalfont at Georgina's instigation about a place in the International Secretariat of the Council of Europe at Strasbourg. Chalfont was noncommittal, but interested, since he knows Forbes has always been an ardent proponent for involving Britain closely in Europe, in addition to which his being bilingual in French and fluent in German would be an advantage. He told Forbes there would be considerable opposition to such a plan by some of the men in the Foreign Office who would not approve of an outsider being brought in, and would also disapprove of him for other reasons, particularly because of his bitter journalistic attacks on Anthony Eden during the first Suez crisis. At any rate, the matter is not closed, and Chalfont will reflect on it further. I would like to see Ali get this job. His son will be at school in Switzerland, so moving to Strasbourg would not be too inconvenien for him from that standpoint; Georgina is anxious for him to take it if offered, and would commute between London and Strasbourg. Ali is a remarkable conversationalist, often too impetuous and outspoken in what he says, but brilliantly amusing, as well as a man of deep convictions. Georgina will be involved for some months in television engagements.

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August 6, 1968 - Tuesday

Monty Spaght came to see me this morning. He thought Royal Dutch Shell, his company, would soon be in a position to make petroleum shipments from Nigeria, but their troubles there are by no means over. Thanks to drastic cutting of costs and some improvement in product prices, the first six months report of this mammoth corporation established a new record for earnings. I like Spaght immensely, and find it most useful to converse with him. The recent revolutionary movements in Iraq have not improved the position of foreign petroleum companies operating there. The French have, however, abandoned their attempts to make an independent deal with the Iraqi Government.

I lunched with Greta Fenston at the Ritz. In some measure due to club closings, the large dining room was crowded. Greta, as usual, was charming. She said Felix would have to have another slice taken off of one of his legs, both of which were shattered during the war. His heart condition is better. He is a man of great courage, who must have been in constant pain for almost thirty years without any outward manifestation of it.

I stopped to see Mr. Baer, the old German dealer on Davies Street, who is expert amongst other things in narwhal tusks. He sells no antiques, but leases them for television, cinema and theatrical uses. He had found a 7'2" narwhal tooth for me, and will bring it around to the office tomorrow. He says the narwhal is now a protected species, with heavy penalties against killing them, but are already so reduced in numbers they may become entirely extinct. According to him, as early as the 14th Century, kings and rich people bought them, paying their weight in gold, on the theory they possessed [redacted] mystical virtue, and also associated them wrongly with the mythical unicorn. He also told me that Lord Kintore had [redacted] marvelous specimens at Keith Hall in Scotland, which presumably have been inherited by Helena.

The Republican Convention is under way at Miami, and the first ballot will probably be taken tomorrow night. Thousands of American hippies are planning a demonstration against President Johnson on his 60th birthday, August 27th. They are going to call it a "nude-in". It will be part of a monster carnival staged by more than 100,000 hippies in Chicago at the time of the Democratic Convention. Draft cards will be burned, and so will £2,000 in dollars, to show the hippies' disdain for money. Their leader, Frankie Abbot, who wears gold earrings and has hair down to his shoulders, says "Our candidate is a pig and our platform is garbage."

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August 7, 1968 - Wednesday

The Brazilian Ambassador, Sergio Correa da Costa, came to see me this morning. Fleur Meyer says he is not only one of the most prominent, but one of the brightest men in the Brazilian Foreign Office. After studying law and social sciences at the University of Brazil, he joined the Foreign Service immediately upon graduation. His service posts have been Buenos Aires, Washington, Los Angeles and Rome. Subsequently he was Ambassador to Canada from 1962 to 1965. His last assignment was as permanent head of the Foreign Office. He is also an author. His French and English are excellent. He is soft spoken and seems friendly and well disposed to the United States.

Admirals Wendt and Kirn called on me. The Department of the Navy has been instructed to reduce its expenditures by one billion dollars. Part of this will be effected by laying up ships, but no reductions are presently planned in the strength of the Sixth Fleet, now stationed in the Mediterranean. The matter of closing Naval Headquarters on Grosvenor Square is still under consideration.

Herman Van Roijen called me this morning about the announced withdrawal of the British from the International Committee for European Migration (ICEM). He has been instructed by his Government to try to persuade the British to the contrary, in concert with myself and the Australian High Commissioner. We have already been dealing with this subject through Dick Hennes of the Embassy, who believes the British Government, chiefly for reasons of economy, will not alter [redacted] position.

Lunched at the American Club, where I inspected the work being done to effect the removal of the bar from the first floor to the ground floor. This will release additional space for dining rooms. The Club is in good financial condition, but is overcrowded at lunch time. Its lease still has 27 years to run, at the end of which period it is expected the owners will tear down this building, as well as the adjacent In and Out Club, to replace them with a large office building structure.

Nicky arrived home tonight by train from Paris.

Jean Lambert telephoned me last night from New York to inform me of the latest developments in his financial transactions. I fear he may make a mistake by overplaying his hand, for he now has an opportunity to relieve himself of his outstanding obligations and have a substantial balance remaining. Naturally he wishes to trade the offer upward, and my fear is the whole deal may slip as a result. I do hope he pulls it off, for I think if he were again in funds he might fully restore and perhaps improve his former fortune.

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We have never seen Nicky in more boisterous spirits. He has been burned dark brown by the meridional sun. He said the routine of the twenty young people working at the chateau [redacted] was to get up at 6:30 and start their stone work at 7:30. It was the hardest physical task he [redacted] ever engaged in. The group lived in two peasant houses in the near-by village, but the individuals did not do, as [redacted] was originally planned, their own cooking--this was taken over by two of the French girls in the company. Each afternoon Nicky and some of his friends rode on bicycles to Montpelier and back, a total trip of about 20 miles. Afterwards he stayed in Paris at the Saint Simon, where our former Chef and his wife kept an eye on him. The thing that pleased me most, aside from the physical good his tour [redacted] did him, was his saying that during his entire stay he had spoken no word of English. Consequently, his French, long dormant, must have vastly improved.

August 8, 1968 - Thursday

We had a photographic foray this morning, in the course of which I was taken getting in and out of the Pontiac automobile, as part of a [redacted] program sponsored by USIA for showing installations and [redacted] personnel in American Embassies abroad. Later Eleanor was snapped in the office, and pictures taken of my desk and room.

E and I lunched today with the Francis Watsons at 8 Groom Place, S.W.1 They have an attractive little house in a quiet mews, not far from Belgrave Square, with an enticing Pub across the street. The ground floor, except for a kitchen, consists of one large room, with books, prints, drawings, paintings, bronzes and other collections made by them. We lunched there, with two other guests, whose names we were not given, but who were evidently interested in art matters. In spite of Mrs. Watson being a vegetarian, we had a delicious lunch, including a soup with basil in it. She has nine cats, but they were not invited.

The Watsons are leaving next week for a trip in East Germany with Jane and Charles Wrightsman, in the course of which they will visit various museums. Francis is one of the greatest authorities on various categories of art in Great Britain. The catalogue he has done of the Wrightsman belongings that are [redacted] to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is a little masterpiece. He still thinks that 18th Century bronzes, many of which are on sale in London, are purchaseable at reasonable prices as compared with those for furniture, silver, paintings and drawings.

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I picked up Mr. Redford at Kerin's this afternoon, and took him to Albany to seek his advice on the possible sale of some of our furniture. Afterwards we went to the Residence for the same purpose. Our trip wound up by his agreeing to buy one 18th Century English tric-trac table, and two Louis XVI French tables from us. We will also send him some other articles he will examine with a view to possible purchase. He advised me to send the rest of the things we wished to dispose of to auction, where he thought they would fetch better prices than he would be prepared to pay. Amongst them are two 18th Century small Viennese chairs, a curious Louis XVI chair, and a set of early 19th Century Meissen china. I have utmost confidence in Redford's knowledge and character, as have all those I know who have dealings with him. Francis Watson, for example, entertains the highest opinion of him. In addition, he is attractive and exceptionally agreeable conversationally. His own stock of things at Gerald Kerin Ltd. on Mount Street is small, but usually includes objects of great quality. Most of them are Continental, especially French.

August 9, 1968 - Friday

Thus far it has rained almost steadily since the beginning of this month. Our lawn is awash. Farmers have not been able to harvest their crops, and predictions of the yield of barley and oats makes sorry reading.

Nixon's nomination on the first ballot was expected here, but it was a complete surprise to have Governor Spiro Agnew of Maryland nominated for the Vice Presidency. I have never met the Governor, who is said to be a good administrator, but who is certainly not nationally known, and lacks the public appeal [redacted] of John Lindsay and Charles Percy.

Priscilla and Alfred Jaretski lunched with us today at home. I had the distinct impression that Alfred has slowed up physically and mentally since I last saw him. His mind was as lucid as ever, but I thought its processes had somewhat slackened. He said he has stopped going to exhibitions and buying pictures. Maybe that is why he appears slightly listless, though he still works every day at his Sullivan and Cromwell office in New York.

Professional business is slack for us at this time of year.

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August 10, 1968 - Saturday

E and I went to Paddington Station at 8:30 this morning, to join the other guests of the Gulf Oil Company on a journey to Milford Haven in Wales, where the Queen [redacted] opened the newly completed Gulf Refinery and Petro-Chemical plant. For this purpose the Company ran two complete pullman trains from London, and transported by airplane dozens of other people from other parts of England. We had breakfast and lunch on the train during our four-hour journey. Afterwards we were taken by bus to the site of the huge, 30 million pound sterling installation [redacted] where in grandstands and soothed by the renditions of a Welsh-American choir and a band from the Welsh Guards we awaited the arrival of the Royal Party. In contrast to constant rain in London, this part of Wales [redacted] had an unexampled spell of good weather for the last twenty days. The same has been true of parts of Scotland. Most of the members of the Board of Directors of the Gulf Oil Corporation [redacted] came over from Pittsburgh for this occasion. Included amongst them were Mr. and Mrs. Brockett and their daughter. He is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Dorsey, President of the Corporation, was there with his wife, as was their legal counsel, Judge Savage. My old friends Frank Denton and George Wyckoff were numbered among the [redacted] Directors.

When the Queen arrived she was welcomed with a short address, to which she briefly responded before pulling a cord to bare one of the most hideous pieces of sculpture I have ever seen, the contribution of a local artist. Afterwards she was presented with an excellent painting of one of her favorite horses, "Hopeful Venture". She and Prince Philip had with them Princess Anne, the Prince of Wales, the Lord Lieutenant of the County and his wife, and some Palace attendants. The usual presentatic were made before the Royalties were projected into a large room which seemed to me to contain almost the entire population of Wales. [redacted] They flowed through it like a tidal wave. By 5:30 the ceremonies were over; the good weather [redacted] persisted throughout. The Queen and her entourage left aboard their yacht Britannia, whilst those of us bound for London were taken back on two Gulf Oil jets flown across the Atlantic for this ceremony. It [redacted] was a fairly strenuous day; except for short intervals conversation [redacted] never flagged. Most of the Gulf officers and directors are keen shots. After today several of them are going North to shoot grouse with Bill Stirling (one of the guests) on his Scottish moors.

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Others plan to kill partridges in Spain. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves with this dynamic group, whose vitality is truly astonishing. At ten o'clock tonight they are throwing a big party at Claridges. On this trip I met for the first time W. K. Whiteford, former Chairman of Gulf, whom I have always heard spoken of as being an uncommonly attractive man. I thought he fully justified this reputation.

August 11, 1968 - Sunday

Moderately quiet today. This afternoon E, Nicky and I went to see an American movie "The Graduate". This is [redacted] great entertainment, recounting the amatory mishaps of a young man who had just graduated from a University with high honors. Almost immediately after returning home he was seduced by the wife of his father's partner, whom until the [redacted] end of their long affair he always addressed, even when they were in bed together, as "Mrs. Robinson". In spite of her warnings, he fell in love with her daughter, whom he abducted from [redacted] church in a torrid scene immediately after she had been married to a rival.

Diana Phipps came to dine with us tonight. Afterwards Nicky and I took her home in a taxi to her house in Elgin Crescent. Two floors have been completed, mostly by herself, and this energetic woman thinks it will take about another year before it is finished. The only other inhabitants of the house at the moment are a black cat which strayed in some time ago, whose three kittens Diana delivered last week. She cannot send them to the country because of her mother's birds. Her mother, when she goes to a bird shop, buys all the birds in it, since she thinks their being caged makes them unhappy.

August 12, 1968 - Monday

Ed Morgan came to see me this morning. He is going to Paris this afternoon to interview Averell about the Vietnam talks. On his present journey he is working for Mac Bundy's educational television outfit. Ed [redacted] attended the Republican Convention in Miami. He does not share the common opinion that Nixon made a mistake in selecting Agnew as his running mate. He thinks Nixon and Agnew will make a great appeal to the middle-of-the-road voters, who in Morgan's opinion are likely to determine the election in Nixon's favor.

For lunch today we had these people: Dr. and Mrs. Chappelka, Mr. Ivan Morris (Translator of Japanese works), Lady Sansom, [redacted] Mrs. Phipps, Edward Morgan (Broadcaster), Bishop and Mrs. Hines. (authority on Japan)

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Major General Lawrence Scott Lightner, Commander of the Third Air Force, came to see me this morning. He is a fine looking officer from Ohio, aged 50.

I am intrigued, as everybody in Britain always is, by weather reports. It is extraordinary how temperatures and rainfall vary from region to region here. The summary on sunshine for the first nine days of August 196[illegible] is:

Aug. 1 to 9 weather over 30 years

	Total hours of sunshine this year	Average total over 30 years	Average temp. this year	Average temp. over 30 years
London	7.6	54.63	17.7 (63.9)	21.9 (71.4)
Brighton	9.1	63.27	19.5 (67.1)	20.7 (69.3)
Gorleston	2.7	54.9	17.1 (62.8)	19.8 (67.6)
Torquay	29.0	61.2	19.2 (66.6)	19.7 (67.5)
Blackpool	58.5	51.75	20.7 (69.3)	18.8 (65.8)
Belfast	93.4	39.24	21.1 (70.0)	18.6 (65.5)
Stornoway	89.2	38.52	17.4 (63.3)	16.2 (61.2)
Paris	21.4	62.7	18.6 (65.5)	17.9 (64.1)
Rome	unavailable		24.2 (75.8)	25.9 (78.5)
W. Berlin	90.0	54.0	21.0 (69.8)	16.9 (62.4)

The London Times today published an interesting article on the tax structure in Britain, headlined "Tax at the top: the obstacle to growth It points out that in improving his salary from £10,000 to £15,000 a year the British executive is left with about £1,100 after tax. His American and French opposite numbers are left with more than £3,000, the German with over £2,500 and the Dutch and Australian with between £1,500 and £2,000. By the time he reaches £20,000 the British director is paying an average tax rate of 12s. in the pound, compared with 8s. in Germany, 6s. in the United States and 5s. in France.

Sasha arrived hours late this morning from Israel. She [redacted] a plane there about two a.m. and reached here about 11:00. She [redacted] in fine spirits.

Sasha shares her mother's interest in maps, so tonight she took us on a tour through Israel, identifying the numerous localities she had visited with their Biblical and historical background.

August 13, 1968 - Tuesday

To my sorrow, I read in the paper this morning that my dear old friend Cap Rieber [redacted] died in New York last Sa[illegible] the age of 86. Born in Norway, he came to the United States in [illegible] was naturalized

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in 1904. His success in the petroleum business was spectacular. After he resigned, following a dispute with the Board of Directors, as Chairman of what is now Texaco, he went into the Barber Oil Company, of which he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer until his death. A man of convivial and gregarious habits, he was a universal favorite, and had almost the same talent as Jim Farley for remembering names and faces and putting them together correctly.

We lunched at Wilton's Restaurant, famous for its oysters (but not at this time of year), at 27 Bury Street, with Lee and Stash Radziwill. Had a vivacious lunch. Stash and I shared a cold grouse, product of yesterday's opening of the season, and found it delicious.

I went to the Naval Dispensary for a tetanus shot, having taken one last week against typhoid.

This afternoon Lee White, Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, and Alex Radin, Manager of the American Public Power Association, came to see me. They are enroute to Moscow for a world power conference, and while here have seen some of their counterparts in the British Government. Much enjoyed talking to them. White was a lawyer before entering Government and since then has occupied a series of positions in Washington, including close association with President Kennedy, Senator John Cooper, and [redacted] President Johnson.

Radziwill takes a dim view of Sargent Shriver. I agree with his criticism of the impropriety of Shriver having accepted the Paris post from President Johnson and then Mrs. Shriver announcing her determination to return home as soon as credentials had been presented, to campaign for her brother Bobby, the President's bitterest political opponent. I am not, however, in a position to judge Stash's strictures on Shriver relating to what he calls his disloyalty to the Kennedy family.

In one [redacted] respect I am sure he made a grave mistake by disposing of some of the leading Foreign Service Officers in his Embassy so shortly after arriving there, on the grounds he wanted to be surrounded by younger men, which I think is unforgivably unfair to those concerned, and in view of his own lack of experience in diplomatic affairs, was a foolish act. I gather the relationship between Bobby Kennedy and Shriver was abrasive.

During the day both Eugene Black and Buck Crawford telephoned me from New York about Cap Rieber's death. This occurred on Saturday. On the preceding day, Black, who as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Ford Foundation, had been responsible for making large investments of its

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funds in Barber stock, [redacted] sent some of his statisticians to interview Cap. They [redacted] found him in excellent health, [redacted] exuding optimism over the prospects for his company.

Tonight Kisty Hesketh, just returned from France, came for dinner. She, Rosie Lovat and a parcel of children [redacted] motored from coast to coast in France. They found even the resorts on the Riviera comparatively deserted.

August 14, 1968 - Wednesday

It has turned cool in London, and again we are having rain. Sasha came to the office this morning to make arrangements to spend a day or two in Paris, where she is to pursue researches on the subject of illuminated manuscripts in preparation for writing her final thesis at Radcliffe. I took her over to Jo[redacted] Fowler's shop to examine a collection of 19th Century Indian paintings on glass just acquired by Tom Parr, John's partner. I thought them picturesque, perfectly suited for Albany, and have reserved them.

Took E, Sasha and Nicky to lunch at Fu Tong. Professional work in the office is at a low ebb.

The BALPA exercise has been completed, and we have taken in this Embassy a cut of about 13% of personnel in each of the two categories of Americans and Locals. In view [redacted] of our previous reductions, we got off more lightly than other large Embassies.

The Foreign Office is almost deserted, because of the number of officers on leave. Paul Core-Booth told me he was going on vacation to Italy at the same time we are. The Prime Minister is in the Scilly Islands and Michael Stewart does not expect to be in London, except for a short period, until October. He will make [redacted] a trip through Eastern Europe in September, [redacted] then will attend the UN meetings for a week in New York.

Kistie Hesketh again dined with us tonight and is staying here until tomorrow. Her conversation is brilliant and amusing.

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August 15, 1968 - Thursday

Sasha left soon after dawn for Paris.

Messrs. Valeo and Calloway of Senator Mansfield's staff came to see me this morning. We had asked Mike Mansfield and his daughter Anne to stay with us, but he has curtailed his trip and will be going home shortly. They have been investigating the matter of reducing our forces in Germany in line with repeated pronouncements by Mansfield, Symington and others on this subject. It is said there are enough votes in the Senate to pass a resolution calling for the paring down of our forces in Europe to one division.

I said I thought this would be disturbing and disruptive to NATO, the timing was inappropriate, and that in my opinion no action should be taken until its political consequences had been thoroughly assessed. I was under the impression the military aspects of it, and the effect on our balance of payments, had been estimated to a certain degree, but I thought political factors must be taken into full account, as well as our future policy toward NATO itself. This could be better done after a new President and a new Congress came into office.

We had the inevitable discussion about what would result if the U.S. decided on a complete cessation of bombing without an agreed quid pro quo. Valeo speculated this would be a popular move in terms of American domestic policy, and would be helpful to the Democratic nominee for the Presidency.

Mansfield has talked at length in Paris with Averell, but I was told nothing about the conversations.

Lunched with congenial company at the American Club.

This afternoon George Soloveytchik came to see me. He is an admirer of President Johnson, whom he thinks history will determine was a strong and effective President. He believes that Johnson's conduct of the war in Vietnam may have been faulty because he relied over much on bad advice given him by Admirals and Generals, but having inherited an involvement there, did the best anyone could under such circumstances.

Major Boyle came in to say goodbye. He is leaving tomorrow on his way to a second assignment in Vietnam. A Major at the age of 31, he should have a promising future in the Army. Meanwhile, his unit has been wiped out by the BALPA decisions.

E. and I dined tonight with the Hartwells at 18 Cowley Street.

Phil Kaiser returned today from leave looking brown and healthy.

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The others for dinner at the Hartwells were Robin Day and his wife, Mr. Johnson and his wife (French), Andrew Sinclair (the Parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Telegraph), and Harriet Berry. Adrian and Marinette (the Sulzbergers' daughter) Berry came in after dinner. Pamela and Michael have acquired land in France near St. Tropez and are building a house there. They expect it will take about two years to design, construct and complete. Tonight was a typical example of Pam's amazing capacity for collecting on short notice a conglomerate group of interesting people.

Robin Day, now almost the top showman in TV circles, [redacted] attended the Republican Convention at Miami, and will leave shortly for Chicago. He does not like Nixon, but neither does he seem to favor most of the leading British politicians. He is a man [redacted] of strong opinions, but I know nothing about his convictions. He is fun to be with, for he is quick, observant, free in comment and criticism. He derided Ted Heath on the grounds he never answers questions succinctly and is too detailed and discursive in debate. The last Gallup Poll showed the advantage of Conservatives over Labour had diminished to fifteen percent. This was before the July trade figures appeared, [redacted] indicating an £30 million deficit; although exports had gone ahead well, imports [redacted] greatly increased.

I discussed these figures earlier today with Jim Griffin, who thinks, although the publication of this news caused a slight weakening of the Pound this afternoon, Sterling will hold for some months to come at approximately its present level. The French Franc is the imponderable for future exchange stability. British share prices reached their highest ever level today, representing a continued flight from currency into equities.

Johnson was a close associate of Robert Kennedy. Kay Graham thinks he resembles in vigor and imagination, and to some extent in personality, Phil Graham.

Sinclair is young to occupy the position he fills so successfully. Both he and Day spoke of the high standards of debate demanded of any speaker in the House of Commons. To bore the House is an ineffable sin. As almost all members debate without notes and are [redacted] shouted down, at times cruelly, if they fail to hold the attention of their audience, the quality of their statements has always seemed to me [redacted] much superior to those of our own Representatives and Senators. Day believes proceedings in the Commons, and

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[redacted] probably in the House of Lords as well, will be televised in the next year or two. He is in favor of the adoption of some features of our congressional committee system.

Altogether it was a stimulating evening; E. and I left about midnight.

August 16, 1968 - Friday

Rain has set in again.

Brooks Hays, an old friend, former Congressman from Arkansas, almost the same age as myself, came in this morning. He presented me with a copy of his book, Hotbed of Tranquility. He is a famous storyteller, and I look forward to reading his anecdotes. He said he knows and admires Winthrop Rockefeller, Republican Governor of Arkansas, who is running for another term this autumn. Unlike his brothers, Winthrop is given to drink. Rumors about this are being widely circulated and are helping to make his reelection doubtful.

Miss Lindsay Miller, a junior at Wellesley, is here for a couple of months on one of the summer courses so generously sponsored by many American universities. She is a bright girl who operates as a free-lancer for the Richmond, Virginia News Leader. I enjoyed seeing her.

Jack Clascock, of Dallas, Texas, President of International Investors, the partner of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., called on me. His ramified company has ambitious plans for its future, both here and at home. It has a life assurance corporation in Britain, and also furnishes International Marketing Consultant advice.

Poor Ron Spiers was called at about 2:00 o'clock this morning to handle an urgent telegram from Washington telling him to advise the Foreign Office at a high level of our remonstrances to the Federal Government of Nigeria over its attitude of not allowing food supplies to pass freely to the beleaguered and starving Biafrans. He went down to the [redacted] Foreign Office with another officer and called on the Duty Clerk, who arranged for the matter to be considered at Ministerial level after the opening of business this morning. This is another of the all too frequent instances where we are ordered to make immediate and urgent representations on subjects which cannot be handled on an emergency basis. The result is [redacted] British, although polite about it, often think some of our actions smack of hysteria.

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For lunch today at home we had Diana Cooper and Norman St. John Stevas, M.P. Norman, a strict Catholic, is in outright opposition to the Pope's encyclical on birth control. He thinks it may precipitate such a division between factions in the Vatican as to bring about a long desired reformation in the structure of that powerful organization.

Led by Nicky, we all joined in a colloquy about student unrest. I thought Nicky spoke on this subject pungently and sensibly. Like many students, however, he is naturally unaware of the administrative complexities of administering a large university. I wonder if a desirable participation in such management might not be affected by frequent consultations between Administrations and Student Councils.

The vacation mood continues here; our telegraphic traffic has much diminished.

An interpretation made by our staff of the impact of Bal. I and II reductions on our personnel figures has caused a revision of what we accepted as correct a few days ago. The total cut of American personnel seems to amount to 16.8 percent, and the cut in British employees is 13 percent.

Sasha returned from Paris tonight. She had a successful trip and saw many Books of Hours. She is profoundly serious about her art studies, and yet so full of humor about other topics I find it difficult to conceive of her as a professorial type. She wears such exaggerated mini skirts that apparently they were adversely commented upon in Paris. She claims their exiguous length is because they have shrunken, but, although she appears exempt from vanity, I cannot help suspecting she is conscious of the beauty of her legs. A friend of hers from Cambridge, Bear Barnes, who shares her passion for urban rehabilitation and development, came to dine with us. It is apparent he flew across the Atlantic for the express purpose of seeing Sasha, and so I suppose we will be seeing him a lot before our departure for Venice. He must think he has fallen into a rum lot of people for, as when the family are together we never stop teasing each other, it must be confusing to an outsider to find himself in the atmosphere of a circus, where Nicky almost invariably refers to me as "my uncle". Bear is attractive and gay.

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August 17, 1968 - Saturday

At the office. Then to see Margaret MacInnes, with whom I exchanged medical lore.

Virginia Surtees for lunch.

Lazed away the afternoon. Two herons have returned and are being harassed by the crows. They brought off no brood this year; probably the eggs were destroyed by those predatory, sinister enemies, whom I long, but am not permitted, to shoot.

Have been worn out by Nicky in the long nightly sessions of watching television, mostly those shows dealing with mystery and secret service stories.

August 18, 1968 - Sunday

Intermittent rain and sunshine. Bear and Sasha went off by boat or barge to Hampton Court Palace for the day. The rest of us lounged until they returned to dinner, there to be greeted by another barrage of improbable stories. Barnes must now think us all mad. I have never known a more loquacious and uninhibited family circle. [redacted] Can hardly wait to take off for Venice. Have laid out my clothing expecting to winnow it down to permissive weight.

The story has broken in the newspapers about our Bolivian Senor Antonio Arguedas. He blames all his ills on CIA. We had a meeting this morning to decide how to answer the numerous inquiries about him directed at us. We have decided to reply we know nothing about him -- this is true -- except that we revalidated his visa in a Bolivian passport during his passage through England. He already had a visa to visit the United States affixed to a travel document given him in Chile.

Objections to building the American School on its newly acquired property have again been raised, this time in a polite letter to me from Quintin Hogg, in whose constituency the site lies. We had stipulated an undertaking to construct new courts for the old tennis club, but only to maintain them for a period of seven years. The court enthusiasts, through Quintin, want that period lenghtened. I think we should accede to this, since otherwise there is likely to be a public hearing on the whole project and its progress indefinitely postponed.

Went to Fowler's to see the augmented collection of Persian -- no longer Indian -- paintings on glass. They are crude but picturesque. I bought ten of them for use at Albany.

Thence to the Garrick, just reopened after the Staff summer vacation. At the long table I sat within a nest that included three Englishmen whom I did not know. It was soon apparent that one of them was a playwright of repute, another a producer of mark, and the third, aged 82 looking 40, a former Bengal Lancer intimately familiar with theatrical matters. Conversation at the Garrick is always easy, although perhaps it would be more so if people would introduce themselves to strangers. I felt a charlatan at being taken for granted as a professional critic of American musical comedy.

This afternoon Penelope Tree came to see me. She wants a visitor's visa to the Soviet Union, in company with David Bailey. Afterward I received a group of 25 students conducted by Dr. Brownlow from the Haverford School.

A final event was the presentation of Consular awards in the Embassy auditorium. This I was particularly keen to do, since they are fully deserving of especial recognition. Immigrant visas issued at London almost doubled in a years time, and were at a far higher level than at any other Foreign Service post. The staggering volume of work involved was handled with no increase of permanent staff, and with the addition of only a few temporary employees during a small part of this period.

I was disturbed to hear that Lady Kintore, [redacted] now at her place Keith Hall in Scotland, was suffering from severe heart trouble. I telephoned this morning to Riggs, her devoted, efficient butler, to inquire about her condition. A little later she telephoned me to say she expected to come to London in early September. Although 89 and crippled with arthritis, she sounded as bouyant as ever.

Hyatt's mother died last night at the age of 84. Her case was hopeless and predictably so, but that nice fellow Hyatt has suffered acutely during her illness. The wife of Admiral Tibbets also died over the weekend. She had cancer.

Penelope Tree's trip will take her to India, Afghanistan, and other countries before she visits the Soviet Union, where she and her friends hope to make a movie on a Tolstoy theme.

Dr. Brownlow's students were a seemly lot. I explained the ramifications of our Embassy operations, then answered questions.

Included in the Consular awards were a number of checks for unusually efficient services and overtime, amounting in all to more than $3,000.

August 20, 1968 - Tuesday [redacted]

After a series of heart attacks, President Eisenhower is still clinging to life at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. His condition has for days been termed "extremely grave", but each time the end seems near, he has rallied. It is said he has never complained, and when he sees members of his family, displays his usual good humor. Although we expect to leave for Venice this afternoon on vacation, my stay there may be brief, for in the event of President Eisenhower's death, I would like to attend his funeral, and in any case would probably be instructed to do so, if, as is expected, the Prime Minister were to fly over for the occasion. I hurriedly wrote this comment on him, to be issued if a request for one should be made at the Embassy:

I have been devoted to Ike from the day I met him. He is a really good man and of a compassionate nature. He has been unfairly denigrated by political opponents, and also by some people in the academic world who seem to prefer flashy, glib figures to one whose real strength lies in unimpeachable character.

I started the morning by attending a Memorial Service at St. Mark's Church on North Audley Street for Mrs. Tibbets. It seemed to me the model of what such ceremonies should be. It was short, and consisted almost entirely of selected readings from the Prayer Book and the Psalms.

At the office, I cleaned up outstanding matters, and there appears to be no professional impediment to our embarking for Venice.

Dan Joseph came to see me this morning. At the age of 81 he is making his annual European trip. He has perfect hearing and is reputedly healthy in every respect. He still practices law on behalf of rich clients, and has amassed a fortune for himself by judicious investment in blue chips. He said he [redacted] always regrets I [redacted] did not accept his offer to have me made, in my younger days, Governor of Maryland. For my part, I am glad I escaped it, even if it had been a certainty, which it was not.

Joseph asserts that Agnew's campaign for the Governership was financed by rich Greek shipowners who will now be heavy contributors to Nixon. I need a sack full of salt to accept this allegation, although, since Spiro Agnew's father was Greek, the connection may have aroused some feeling of generosity in these Hellenic multi-millionaires not usually notable for kindness or philanthropy.

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General Eisenhower remained until his death the most popular individual in the United States, where he has always been justly admired for his accomplishments, personality and character.

He had an unusual gift for attracting loyalty, affection, and respect. Never was this better exemplified than during his term as Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe. His abilities, tact, and profound understanding of human nature enabled him to combine in an effective whole often disparate national and personal interests.

His appreciation of the remarkable qualities of the British people was unvarying. While Supreme Commander, he sternly opposed any attempt to give preference to his own soldiery over theirs. His famous speech at the Guildhall in London memorably reflected his constant conviction of the virtue and necessity of an indissoluble and friendly Anglo-American relationship.

Although he was not the political architect of the NATO structure, he became the foremost animator of the Alliance and welded together its military components as could have no other person.

His career while President of Columbia University, President of the United States, and a notable civic figure in retirement, will be assessed by future historians. Today, his extraordinary reputation as Civilian, Soldier, and Great Man, is assured.

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E., Sasha, Micky and I left at 4:30 this afternoon by Alitalia for Venice. There was a layover in Milan, so we did not reach the Cipriani Hotel until almost 10:00 o'clock Italian time, an hour later than in Britain.

Sat up until midnight talking to Tommy Thompson. He is leaving early tomorrow morning for a 5-hour train trip with Jane and the children to Cenoa, where the others will take a boat to the U.S. He is to fly over on Thursday of this week for consultation in Washington.

Tommy thinks it possible he may remain on in Government a bit longer than he anticipated, if he is given responsibility to conduct disarmament talks with the Soviets.

He said the developments of the last month or so in Czechoslovakia posed a serious problem for the Politburo, where there is a sharp difference of opinion between those who would extirpate the liberalizing heresy of Dubcek by force, and those who favor a gentler attitude.

August 21, 1968 - Wednesday

I was awakened this morning by Phil Kaiser's telephoning from London to say the Soviets have sent armed forces into Czechoslovakia. They have taken over Prague and other large cities. This is horrifying. News of this move was given at one o'clock this morning in London by the Soviet Ambassador to Alan Chalfont, and similar notifications in other capitals including Washington. Their pretext was to guard the Czech people, at the request of their Government, against external and internal attempts at subversion. This is obviously fraudulent.

The Prime Minister is returning today from his holiday in the Scilly Isles and has summoned most of the key members of the Cabinet, including those on foreign vacations, to meet him this morning in Downing Street.

It seemed necessary for me to come back to London as quickly as possible, so arrangements were made through General Lightner of the Third Air Force to send a small 4-seater jet plane to pick me up in Venice. It was fortunate this was done, for when I arrived at the airport, we found commercial flights had been halted by a local strike, first called in sympathy for the Soviets' action, and then reversed in denunciation of it.

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I gazed longingly at the huge saltwater swimming pool with its grill, bar, and other conveniences, finished this year by the Cipriani.

We decided to forego swimming this morning in favor of visiting Venice. Sasha, seeing it for the first time, is ecstatic about it but firm in her resolution to fly on Saturday to Cambridge to resume her work with the Lyman delinquents.

The weather is heavenly. We lunched at Harry's Bar, where I ate grilled San Piero, almost the best of fishes. Their fresh Soave was delicious. We went to the airport in a motorboat, still unaware of what had really happened in Czechoslovakia, for we could obtain no real news on the radio or from the Italian newspapers.

I was deposited at Northolt air field after a two-and-a-quarter-hour flight, there to be met by Bill Calloway and Bob Skiff with a packet of information. The Prime Minister has made a strong statement condemning the incursion by Soviet, Bulgarian, Hungarian, East German and Polish troops. Dubcek, the Prime Minister, and other top [redacted] political figures are under arrest; later today it was announced they had been removed to an unknown destination. The President addressed his people from the official castle excoriating the Russians but urging the populace to be calm and not to fight the invaders. The Communist parties in France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and other countries have denounced this aggression. Clearly the Czech Government had issued no appeal for intervention nor, to my surprise, have the Soviets thus far set up in office their own puppets.

I talked this afternoon from the office to Whitehall and 10 Downing Street. HMG is intent, as we are, on bringing this affair immediately before the Security Council in New York. Given the difference in time, it looks possible to arrange an emergency meeting at 5:00 p.m. today where a resolution sponsored by the US, UK, Canada, France, Denmark, Paraguay, and possibly others will be presented. Demonstrations are taking place in London against the Soviet Embassy and the Russian Trade Exhibition.

This is the most serious event, except for what has taken place in China, in the Communist states since the Russians marched into Hungary in 1956. The only people likely to be pleased by it are Comulka, Ulbricht, Kadar, and the Bulgarians. They, like the now dominant element in the Kremlin, must have feared the repercussions

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of the libertarian Czech doctrine in their own countries. The comparative freedom of the press in Czechoslovakia is of great concern to them, as is contamination of their ideological purity.

I went tonight to dine with Sandra and George Weidenfeld, in company with Diana Phipps and one of her male friends. Starting at ten o'clock, we watched on television a superb show on Czechoslovakia produced by the BBC. It ended with a vigorous statement delivered live by Michael Stewart.

Perhaps 40 people have been killed and a good many wounded thus far during the day in Czechoslovakia, but there has been no organized or mass resistance. President Johnson deplored what has happened. The Western powers have no intention of launching a military intervention, but are entirely cohesive in calling upon the aggressors to withdraw their troops.

My past predictions on this subject have proved incorrect. I believed the Soviets would not send troops into Czechoslovakia until after a Coup d'Etat had established a subservient Quisling government which would then call on them for military support. I can only conjecture they did not follow this classical form of action because they could not persuade individuals with any substantial popular following in Czechoslovakia to agree.

August 22, 1968 - Thursday

Concentrated on the flood of telegrams in the office, none of which, as was the case with our intelligence reports, were especially illuminating. Lunched at the Beefsteak Club, where general conversation divided almost equally between events in Eastern Europe and speculation over the U.S. presidential campaign.

This afternoon Winston Churchill came to see me. He is leaving for the U.S. tomorrow to cover the Democratic Convention in Chicago. Somewhat to my surprise, I found that, unlike his father, he has no personal friendship or acquaintanceship with any of the candidates, although I think his name will provide ready access to them.

Too early to estimate what influence the Czech affair will have on [redacted] Democratic candidates; it is believed by our newspaper people here the harder anti-Communist line taken rather consistently in the past by Humphrey will be to his advantage, as contrasted with the softer attitude of McCarthy.

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The justification for the Soviet action advanced by Moscow is too flimsy to have carried conviction anywhere. This is the text of the message delivered to President Johnson by Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin during the evening of August 20:

Talked to E. tonight, as I did last night, on an excellent phone connection with Venice. The children are happy, Sasha saying everything was even more wonderful than she had expected. It now appears impracticable for me to return there, since I should be present here on Monday and Tuesday of next week for the meeting of Parliament which has been convened by the Prime Minister. The Czech situation will be debated on Monday, and probably Nigeria on Tuesday. Ted Heath has been reached in Honolulu; he will arrive here Friday night or Saturday morning.

Ambassador Moore, Deputy to Joseph Palmer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, is coming here for conferences with the British tomorrow on Nigeria. He will propose what to me seems an impracticable scheme looking to a settlement there. Meanwhile, the Biafrans continue to starve, and the Federalists to massacre men, women and children.

August 23, 1968 - Friday

Went to the office. Lunched at the American Club.

Read numerous newspapers, telegrams, and for diversion will soon tackle a number of books, including adventure novels, sent me by generous authors.

The Chinese Communist government has now str[illegible] condemned the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, using s[illegible] as "naked aggression", "monstrous crime", saying they a[illegible] a pack of robbers". The occasion has also been likene[illegible] "Hitler's occupation of the Sudetenland". On the other [illegible]oi has given an unqualified endorsement of the Soviet move[illegible]

David strolled in this afternoon. We have not known for weeks [illegible] where he was. It seems that after a short stay in Berlin with David Hillenbrand, he went on to Corfu, Athens, Rome, Monte Ca[illegible] St. Tropez, and Paris. For the last week he has been in Paris. He [illegible]d in good spirits, but looks fagged out. He is a ready co[illegible]ionalist: like most of his friends whom I have met, he seems to have little sense of direction about his future. Also, like them, he is bitterly critical of most American domestic and

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This is the text of the message delivered to President Johnson by Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin during the evening of August 20, 1968:

QUOTE: The Government of the Soviet Union considers it necessary to inform personally President Johnson about the following.

In connection with the further aggravation of the situation which was created by conspiracy of the external and internal forces of aggression against the existing social order in Czechoslovakia and against the statehood established by the constitution of that country, the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic approached the Allied States, the Soviet Union among them, with request of rendering direct assistance including the assistance by military forces.

The Soviet Government repeatedly stated that the events in Czechoslovakia and around it involved vital interests of the Soviet Union and of this number of other states tied by appropriate treaty obligations, and that the threat to the Socialist order in Czechoslovakia constituted at the same time a threat to the foundations of European peace and of security. In view of this, the Soviet Government and Governments of the Allied countries have taken joint decision to satisfy the request of Czechoslovakia about rendering necessary assistance to the Czechoslovak people. Accordingly, the Soviet military units received orders to enter the territory of Czechoslovakia. Of course they will be withdrawn without delay from the Territory of Czechoslovak Socialist Republic as soon as the present threat to the security is eliminated and the lawful authorities come to the conclusion that there is no need in further presence of the Allied forces. We would like President Johnson to know that our steps which are being taken upon request of the Czechoslovak Government, are dictated fully by the concern to strengthen peace and in no degree do they involve state interests of the United States or any other state. We proceed from the fact that the current events should not harm the Soviet-American relations to the development of which the Soviet Government as before attaches great importance. END QUOTE.

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foreign policies but lacking in constructive ideas as to how they might be changed. His courses in sociology at Harvard have slanted his views toward condemnation of the American business system, which he imperfectly understands but the benefits of which he has no reluctance in using for his own needs and luxuries. He is an omnivorous reader, is quick of apprehension, attractive in appearance and manner, and is perhaps more cautious and mature in judgment than his effervescence usually indicates.

August 24, 1968 - Saturday

Read telegrams. It is evident the Soviets have made a colossal blunder. They have flown the President of Czechoslovakia to Moscow where he is to be joined by Dubcek and leading members, including Soviet sympathizers, of the Czech Government.

I went out to the airport to meet Sasha in transit from Venice to Boston. We lunched at the Cafe Royal, and I have never enjoyed anyone's company more. She has so many fine qualities it seems impossible to fault her. Unselfish to a striking degree, she has an almost fierce attachment to her family and a deep sympathy for the unfortunate and dispossessed. After this pleasant interval I put her on the PanAm plane.

Talked to John Leddy in Washington on the telephone. He said intense contingency planning was taking place. I did not question him about the reports in newspapers here that these events in Central Europe [redacted] occurred just after arrangements had been made for President Johnson to visit Moscow.

The prognosis is for the selection of Humphrey on the first ballot by the Democratic Convention in Chicago next week. The Stock Yard area has been surrounded by barbed wire and thousands of police, FBI agents, law enforcement officers, and Illinois National Guards will try to protect the scene from expected violent attacks.

August 25, 1968 - Sunday

Another beautiful cloudless day with the temperature 75 degrees at noon. I lunched with Nico Londonderry at the Cafe Royal. She is living in the country with her children and came to London to spend the day with her mother.

After a long walk and a swim, I settled down with David to a discussion of events in Central Europe.

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Georgina Forbes called me tonight. She is rehearsing for a play, but has found time again to approach Alan Chalfont about having Alan secure a position for Ali on the International Staff of the Council of Europe at Strasbourg. I arranged to meet her tomorrow night at the House of Lords and will invite the Chalfont s to join us afterward for supper at the Savoy.

Sir Robert Scott, a cousin of Walter Buccleuch, sent me his pamphlet Major Theatre of Conflict, British Policy in East Asia. I thought it interesting and brilliant, although I do not agree with some of his conclusions, particularly about the emphasis he places on Britain participating as quickly as possible in a multi-lateral free trade area. During his varied career he has been a senior Chinese interpreter, a financial adviser to the British Embassies in both China and Japan, was captured in Sumatra by the Japanese, interned in Singapore, and imprisoned there for the duration of the war. He then served at the Foreign Office before going to Washington in 1953 as Minister at the British Embassy there. Since then, he was Commissioner General for the U.K. in Southeast Asia, and in 1957 negotiated the [redacted] Malayan Defence Agreement, before becoming Commandant of the Imperial Defence College in London, the only civilian to have held the post. He was also for a couple of years Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence. Now retired, he lives at Beccleuch on the Buccleuch property. I have known him for some years and rate him highly, not only for his great fund of information and for his intelligence, but for the charm of his personality.

August 26, 1968 - Monday

We have all been sad at the House because of the departure of Bob, the handyman, who looks after the boilers, machinery and other innards of the Residence. He is a skilled mechanic and carpenter. His almost total deafness has been somewhat alleviated lately as a result of E. sending him to an excellent surgeon for an operation. [redacted] At the urging of his wife, he decided to quit us for employment in a British Ministry on the theory he would have a safer tenure there than working for us on my private payroll. Now he repents his move, wants to come back, and we will be glad to have him. I was especially interested in his story, since it is somewhat comforting to know that the American bureaucracy is not the only one which does

foolish things. Bob was employed by the Ministry as a mail sorter. He objected to this on the true grounds that he could neither read nor write. His superior insisted, however, on his remaining where assigned, and said he must take lessons in writing and reading.

Joe Fromm came to see me this morning. This lively man is dumfounded, as we all are, by the Soviet moves in Czechoslovakia. There seems no reason for their having committed such a serious and despicable blunder. Joe is still bearish on the British economy, and thinks there may be another monetary crisis in the autumn. I remain disturbed over the French situation in this respect, for I guess, in spite of their assertions they will not devaluate, they will eventually be forced to do so. Last night I read two old articles in the New Yorker by Mr. Brooks, a financial correspondent, which gave in great and accurate detail a history of the struggle to save the Pound over the last four years. It is fascinating reading and I derived no assurance from it that the same thing cannot happen again even in worse fashion.

Lunched with Tony Lewis at the Carrick. Linda, Tony and one child are on vacation at a villa below Naples belonging to the Rex Bensons. After a week, he was forced to leave this idyllic spot under orders to return to London because of the Czech situation. I had a slight difficulty in making my way to the Carrick, since we were informed this morning there would be a demonstration against the Embassy by a Black Panther group. This was scheduled as a remonstrance against something which [redacted] happened to their leader in California. Actually, it turned out to be a non-violent, piddling affair, conducted by white people.

Intelligent Tony takes a dim view of Humphrey's prospects for election. He is still dead set against President Johnson and the way in which the Vietnam problem has been handled by him. In this I think he is prejudiced, in company with most of his fellows on the New York Times.

Despite our dislike of the Soviets, we ate smoked sturgeon.

Following this, I went to the House of Commons in time to hear the Prime Minister open the debate on Czechoslovakia. Both he and Heath made excellent, factual speeches. I was again impressed by the resonance of their voices and the clarity of their diction. Heath was followed by Emanuel Shinwell. The old man finally bored both sides of the Chamber with a windy discourse. He attacked

Heath for having referred to the necessity for the British to have another look at their military defense arrangements. Jeremy Thorpe took the floor to join in extolling the liberty-loving Czechs, and in criticizing the scurvy actions of the Russians.

I then went over to the House of Lords, but arrived there too late to hear Anthony Avon speak. The next orator was Lord Silkin, who made, I thought, a sorry mess of his presentation. It seemed as if he were more concerned with the possible future reunification of Germany and its consequent effect on the Soviets than he was with their recent brutality.

The next speaker was David Parlech, who acquitted himself admirably. Then came David Perth, but I [redacted] had to leave before he finished, to return to the office. It was an instructive afternoon. In the lobby I was introduced to the Czech Embassy press officer, who said his Government officials were due to return to Prague tonight from Moscow, but he did not have any knowledge of what agreement might have been reached.

Harlech made, I thought, a good point in stating that regardless of the outcome of the negotiations things would never be the same again in Eastern Europe or in the Soviet Union as a result of the fermentation caused by the recent Soviet policy.

Went to the Savoy Hotel to pick up Georgina Forbes before hearing Chalfont wind up in the House of Lords for the Government. There was a long roll of speakers in the House of Lords. Brockway talked [redacted] rubbish for about 45 minutes, assailing the U.S. actions in the Bay of Pigs, Santo Domingo, and Vietnam as being at least equal in evil to the Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia. Lord Arran, upon whom one can always count [redacted] for vivaciousness, addressed himself to the dangers that would be created by a reunified Germany. Stella Reading invited Georgina, [redacted] Iona Chalfont and myself to join her for a drink in the bar, which we gladly did. Boofy Arran sat at our table and regaled us with his [redacted] novel remarks. Afterward, we heard Alan Chalfont close the debate. His speech lasted almost an hour, and I thought it excellent.

About 11:00 o'clock we left the building for the Savoy Grill, where I had invited Georgina and the Chalfonts for a late dinner. By this time we were all famished.

Got to bed at 2:00 a.m.

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The sense of the House of Lords was as condemnatory as had been that in "the Other Place", of the Soviets, and congratulatory to the Czechs on their courage and resolution. It was understood there was little action the Western powers could take in this matter. The Prime Minister earlier in the day [redacted] underlined the importance of NATO and the necessity to insure its effectiveness and the strength of its defenses. He went on to point out that one aspect of NATO policy in recent years had been promotion of detente, [redacted] indicating that this should remain one of its purposes. Continued working toward detente between East and West was essential. He then rejected the idea of sanctions against the Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies. On cultural exchanges, he [redacted] said these would continue on a selective basis. He wound up with an expression of hope that agreement would be reached between Soviet and Czech leaders which would allow the Czech people to have a Government of their choice and to pursue their own destiny.

Heath agreed with the Prime Minister that trade sanctions against the Soviet Union and its allies would be ineffective. He also agreed it would be unwise to impose blanket restrictions on cultural exchanges; it should be left to individuals to determine whether they wish to participate. He said he would not personally, in view of Soviet action in Czechoslovakia, wish to take part in any such activities.

We received today instructions from the Department about the U.S. official attitude toward any relations with representatives of the Warsaw Pact Nations who had sent troops into Czechoslovakia. For the present, in any contact with representatives of the aggressor states, our attitude should be "correct" but "cool". Official and social contacts with them should be kept at a minimum. In general, receptions and other events hosted by them should be boycotted, unless local considerations make attendance advisable.

There has been considerable newspaper publicity here lately over Scientology, advertised as being "the world's largest mental health organization". It has also been defined by its sponsors as a religious philosophy teaching "processes which bring about a heightened awareness and validation of self". The State of Victoria, Australia, concluded three years ago that Scientology is, however, "the world's largest organization of unqualified persons engaged in the practice of dangerous techniques which masquerade as mental

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therapy". I am on the organization's mailing list, but cannot make much out of what it is doing. Some Americans in London are involved in it. The British Home Office has made a finding that Scientology is "socially harmful" and has issued an immigration ban against its followers.

The Institute for Strategic Studies, London, has issued figures on casualties in various wars during this century. They are: I am surprised by reading that 126,000 Americans were killed in World War I. I had thought the total of deaths, including those who succumbed to diseases, was considerably smaller.

There are many rumors tonight as to what is happening in Czechoslovakia, but nothing authoritative. The Czech officials in Moscow are continuing their negotiations and are not expected home before tomorrow.

Western European reactions have been universally adverse to Soviet policies. In the future, they will be influenced by the relative softness or harshness of the terms of settlement.

August 27, 1968 - Tuesday

Senator Hugh Scott came to see me this morning. He said despite the findings of polls predicting a rather easy victory by Nixon over Humphrey or McCarthy, he thought McCarthy would be nominated and would win the election. He did not dismiss the possibility of the Wallace vote being large enough to throw the contest into the next House of Representatives, where each state has one vote. In that event, the likelihood would be of Humphrey being selected. Hugh was an ardent supporter of Rockefeller, whom he thought could have been nominated had he announced himself months earlier as he was urged to do by friends, instead of waiting until too late, meanwhile hovering and havering. He said he thought Rockefeller, if nominated, would have been an easy victor over John F. Kennedy in 1960. I was surprised to hear him observe that he thought his own state of Pennsylvania would probably go Democratic.

I went to see Miss MacInnes, who told me Princess Marina was dying. She has known the Princess for 40 years and has treated her during that period. She last saw her this weekend, found her philosophical about her condition, but evidently doomed by what Margaret MacInnes thinks must be a brain tumor. I have always been strongly attracted by Princess Marina, whom I have known for four

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Some of the Most Deadly
20 Wars of the Century

Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05	130,000 killed
Balkan Wars, 1912-13	162,500 killed
Colombian Civil War, 1948-53	200,000 killed
Vietnam War, 1962 —	317,650 killed (includes 15,000 Americans, through 1967)
Spanish Civil War, 1937-39	431,000 military killed 225,000 civilians killed
Korean War, 1950-53	581,823 military killed (includes 33,629 Americans) 400,000 civilians killed
World War I, 1914-18	8,418,000 military killed (includes 126,000 Americans) 1,309,000 civilians killed
World War II, 1939-45	16,933,000 military killed (includes 292,000 Americans) 34,305,000 civilians killed.

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decades. Like her daughter, Alexandra, she is a tremendous favorite with the British public. As I drove to Wilton's Restaurant, the chauffeur told me he had just heard on the radio news of the Princess' death. Already flags in the capital were being lowered to half-mast. At the Embassy we followed suit.

Lunched on lobster with Diana Phipps, who afterward dropped me at the House of Commons, where I wanted to hear the debate on Nigeria. This was an emotional spectacle. There were many Biafrans in the galleries who, from time to time, shouted at the Government speakers who were endeavoring to make a case for the continued supply of arms by HMG to the Nigerian Federalists. Several protesting Biafrans were ejected. Although the attendance was sparse, there was much confusion on the floor. Certain members of the Labour Party, notably Noel-Baker, attacked their own Government. The demand became almost universal for a division and a vote. The Speaker, however, ruled it had been decided yesterday the House would adjourn at 4:00 o'clock without a vote, and held the members to it. This marked the end of a momentous session.

Over the weekend I read the revised Christian Herter lectures given by Barbara Ward at the School of Advanced International Studies, which operated in Washington under the aegis of the Johns Hopkins University. In them she uses the familiar story about the Duke of Wellington who, when addressed by a stranger saying "I believe you are Mr. Smith", answered "If you can believe that, you can believe anything." I have also reread with great pleasure the Remy de Gourmont Lettres d'un Satyre. This is dedicated "A L'Amazone", the name by which he called Natalie Barney, with whom he corresponded daily for years.

President Eisenhower continues to have occasional heart attacks but is in full possession of his mental faculties. His family has supplied names of individuals here whom they would like to have invited to his funeral, when his death occurs. I think it probable the Prime Minister will go, as certainly will Harold Macmillan. John Leddy told me on the telephone he thought the Department would discourage attendance by most of our Ambassadors to NATO countries, but would probably favor that of Cabot Lodge and myself, since we were the two most intimately associated with his Presidency.

In the de Gourmont book I was sadly reminded of the difference between Gods and Humans by the satyr's observation: "Le dieu

millénaire a toujours la jeunesse de ses désirs et les désirs de sa jeunesse."

I was saved from writing a laudatory letter to Sir Robert Scott about his pamphlet on British policy in East Asia by a friend advising me the author was not my friend Sir David Scott of Boughton, but another Scot.

The girls in the office who ruffle through many crank letters occasionally draw my attention to those of especially quaint character. Today I received a communication which reminded me somewhat of the Duke of Wellington's remark about his name; it ran:

August 28, 1968 - Wednesday

The Czech leaders have returned to Prague. It is not clear from the Moscow communique exactly what was decided there, but it is evident that the Czech's had to capitulate on several important points. The continuation of the presence of foreign troops for an unstated period on Czech soil is galling to the population. It looks as if the Soviets will maintain for a long time forces on the West German borders. In any case, the Soviets have lost face, and the unrest in the satellite countries has by no means been stilled.

I sent a telegram of sympathy to Princess Alexandra this morning on behalf of Evangeline and myself about her mother's death. There is to be a week of mourning, and later on a memorial service. When I lived here in 1932 the chief center of social attraction was St. James's Palace, where the then Prince of Wales shared a house or apartments with his brother, Prince George, later the Duke of Kent. After the Kents' marriage, it was soon recognized that Princess Marina was one of the most charming women in London, which she remained thereafter.

Freddie Reinhardt stopped in to see me this morning.

Stuart Don called on me. He is lining up speakers for future monthly luncheons for the American Chamber of Commerce. I told him that my succession would only be determined after the elections, and I thought we should postpone my final appearance before the Chamber until my plans had been definitely decided.

I had for lunch today at the Residence Dr. Louis Bishop, his wife and granddaughter (Miss Millespaugh). Louis, one of the most famous heart specialists in the world, is going shortly to Israel for a conference of cardiologists. He thinks President Eisenhower

Blackthorn Ward
Napsbury Hospital,
London Colney
Herts.

Dear Ambassador Bruce,

I am in a dispute about my ~~sanity~~. Please let me know under what name (possibly Chamberlain) I worked for you when you were ambassador in Paris; and what qualification I had to work in Agriculture Dept.

At present I must use the name REES.

Yours sincerely

M.W.V. Rees

will never fully recover from his illness but may be kept alive for a considerable time.

Tonight I attended the christening of Nicky Brown's son at the Church of St. John, St. Michael and All Angels, Hyde Park Crescent. Nicky will soon go to Hawaii as an aide to Jack McCain. I had a long telegram from McCain yesterday expressing his regret at not having seen Ted Heath in the Islands, since Jack was absent on an inspection tour. He did, however, have his people extend every possible courtesy to Ted, who has spoken to me warmly of his appreciation of the care taken of him during his stay there.

E. and Nicky curtailed their vacation in Venice and returned home tonight.

I dined at the Beefsteak Club [redacted] in company with Sir Dingle Foot, whom I found interesting in conversation. Like his two brothers, Lord Caradon and Michael Foot, he is a loyal member of the Labour Party, a man of consistent principles. We had no discussion of domestic politics, but I found a wide difference of opinion between him and others there over Britain's policy toward Nigeria. One of the company sought to draw an analogy between Britain's actions in Nigeria and that in Rhodesia, but this did not elicit accord. Foot made what seemed to me the extraordinary remark that had HMG in the beginning sent troops into Rhodesia to enforce its policies, [redacted] this move would have succeeded. The others thought such would certainly not have been the case, and public opinion in Britain, as well as in the armed services, would have been violently against any such action.

E. and Nicky were in good heart, and although they [redacted] thoroughly enjoyed their Venetian stay, were glad to be back here. They promptly turned on television to watch the proceedings at the Chicago convention. Ted Kennedy withdrew today his name for consideration as President. Late in the British night it was apparent Humphrey would be nominated on the first ballot. Thus far there have been no killings as had been expected in Chicago, but the police are accused of extraordinary brutality even toward innocent citizens.

The christening was a gay happening. The infant never uttered a cry, so it must be presumed the devil is still in him.

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August 29, 1968 - Thursday

Our Ambassador in Guatamala was assassinated yesterday, but we are without knowledge as to the circumstances or the identity of his assailants.

When I came to the office this morning there was one lone placard carrier on the steps displaying a sign on which was inscribed: "Chicago is worse than Prague."

George Brown called me last evening at home to say he wanted to talk to me about his fears of "the pink-cheeked young man" displacing Humphrey as the nominee. I suggested we meet today, but told him I doubted Kennedy's name would go before the Convention or, if so, he would secure the nomination.

Now that most members of the Government and the Parliamentarians have resumed their vacations, London is quieter than usual, and even the volume of traffic appears to have somewhat abated. This has been on the whole a dreary August weatherwise.

Dined at home tonight with the family.

August 30, 1968 - Friday

Sunny and warm day again after yesterday's gloomy chilliness. There is a small demonstration proceeding this morning against the Chancery. We were told it would be headed by Tariq Ali, the Pakistani riot leader, but I have not seen him in the small crowd who are carrying placards. Most of them are marked "Pork Power", and one young fellow is wearing a huge cardboard hat with a pig face on it. Television and cameramen are out in force hoping, I suppose, for a little violence later on, since our visitors expect to stay here all day. The majority are said to be Americans, both students and tourists.

The British papers this morning are severe in their reports and editorials on the role played by the police at the Chicago Convention. Winston Churchill, [redacted] representing the Evening News, was knocked to the ground and beaten up when he went to the rescue of a girl under attack by the police. Mayor Daley has protested bitterly against the term "his Fascist methods" of trying to preserve order. I am surprised that, as far as we are presently informed, there were no deaths.

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I hope this will be the last of such a type of nominating convention. It was widely anticipated that the conference hall, or whatever it is called (I have for sometime mistakenly referred to it as the Cow Palace, confusing it with that structure in San Francisco) would be set afire.

Humphrey selected for the Vice Presidency Senator Muskie of Maine. I know little about him; he is 6'6" tall, and the son of a Polish immigrant. Since there are many more Polish voters in the U.S. than there are Greeks, he would seem, as far as ethnic groups are concerned, to be one up on Governor Agnew.

The various meetings at Panmunjom for discussion of the release of the American crew of the Pueblo have, after the 20th session, continued in stalemate. The North Koreans want an apology and a confession of guilt. We want the crew released, with the promise that when the documentation has been impartially examined we will apologize if it should be evident the Pueblo violated Korean seaspace.

In Prague, the reaction to the so-called compromise is being ill-viewed. The Russians have exacted a stiff price for their permitting at least the temporary resumption by the Czech governmental leaders of their functions. Our Embassy states that a reliable American scientist resident in Czechoslovakia said he saw Dubcek yesterday. Dubcek was still heavily bandaged around the head and upper body, presumably as a result of mistreatment by the Soviets.

Lunched at Whites, then went around to Albany for a short visit. At White's I sat between John Marriott and Peter Quennell.

Tonight E. and I went to the Odeon Theatre to see the movie Playtime, by Jacques Tati. Tati wrote, produced and acted in this performance. It was an extravaganza taking place at Orly Airport. A good many people from Britain were so enthusiastic about the reports of it that, before it appeared here, they went to Paris to see it. I do not rate it that highly, though it was good entertainment, but we thought it overlong.

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August 31, 1968 -- Saturday

Action was demanded of us early this morning by the Department. Dean Rusk has had another conversation with Dobrynin, following up one yesterday in which the Soviet Ambassador gave him orally a snotty communication from the Soviet Government about George Ball's attack on their representative in the Security Council, about the aggressive intentions of external powers against the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, the hope that the Soviet Union can continue its peaceful interchange with the U.S. Government, and the usual rigamarole. Rusk is asking our Ambassadors to NATO countries to advise him at once whether Soviet emissaries are seeking appointments with high government officials in those countries. We found an approach [redacted] made here this morning by Smirnovsky, the Soviet Ambassador, to the Foreign Office, demanding to see, as soon as possible, either the Foreign Minister or the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is in the Scilly Isles, Michael Stewart is at Horney Wood, Alan Chalfont is cruising on a boat, and others of ministerial rank are dispersed in various portions of the Kingdom. I reported this. Later, Stewart called Smirnovsky and told him he would have to deliver his message to Hayman, Assistant Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office. Reluctantly, Smirnovsky did so, making an oral explanation along the same lines of Dobrynin's presentation in Washington, with, for the most part, identical phraseology. He did, however, express on behalf of the Soviet Government, astonishment at the British Labour Party being so rough in the House of Commons debate in denunciation of the Soviet activities in Czechoslovakia. During Rusk's interview today with Dobrynin, he warned him, as [redacted] President Johnson had more covertly done [redacted] in a speech last night, against any Soviet intervention in Roumania. Dobrynin assurred him, for what it was worth, they [redacted] had no such intention...such assurances in the past have not been worth much, but I doubt they would embark at this time on another punitive expedition. In Prague things are going badly, for evidently Dubcek and Company are being forced to carry out Soviet demands. Rumor says anti-Soviet members of the intelligensia are being picked up and are disappearing from public view. Anyhow, the Russians have sent in their own Security people, who are now beginning to get a strong hold on the dissidents in the population.

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Relaxed tonight by seeing a good old Bogart movie "Sabrina".

September 1, 1968 - Sunday

Nothing in the telegrams required action. Since this is part of the long weekend, telegraphic traffic has fallen off, and while the Czechs sweat, we do the same here in blazing sunlight.

September 2, 1968 - Monday

Bank Holiday in Britain, Labor Day holiday at home, Embassy closed. No word from Washington requiring action, but a multitude of reports on Czechoslovakia, where it is evident the Government is now captive to the Soviets.

I find I am a member of many clubs in London, including:

The Club business here is even more widespread than at hom. There is a good book on it called "Leather Armchairs", by Robert Graves' brother. I find, however, that as with us, although they are largely patronized at lunch time, they are deserted at night, and many of them are closed over weekends.

E. left for Paris this morning.

Lunched with the boys, the dined tonight with Hamish Hamilton, who appropriately lives on Hamilton Terrace. We had a good evening together. He has sold his firm to Roy Thomson, but it is maintained as a separate entity over which he exercises almost exclusive jurisdiction. I told him with what pleasure I [redacted] read during the afternoon a book by his friend Harold Acton, "The Last Medici". We gossiped about many matters grave and gay, mostly literary.

September 3, 1968 - Tuesday

James Webb came to the office this morning. This incurable optimist, even more voluble than Hubert Humphrey, expounded the NASA doctrine and adumbrated the future of space technology. I think he has handled [redacted] tremendous program well; his enthusiasm is great, and his knowledge not to be underrated.

Buck's reopened today; I lunched there in the pleasant company of retired picture dealers and collectors.

Went to Kensington Palace to sign the Book of Condolences of Princess Marina. Sir Philip Hay came down to see me. The Duke of Windsor [redacted] attended the funeral at Windsor, and Sir Philip remarked on how woebegone and suddenly aged he [redacted] seemed.

There was little of a professional nature to whet my appetite but answered a multitude of letters and telegrams, some of them

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Athenaeum - Honorary Member
Brooks Club - Regular Member
Beefsteak Club - Diplomatic Member
Bucks - Regular Member
Cowdray Park Polo Club - Honorary Member
Garrick Club - Diplomatic Member
Household Brigade Polo Club - Honorary Member
Hurlingham Club - Honorary Member
International Sportsmen's Club - Honorary Member
Marylebone Cricket Club - Honorary Member
Middle Temple - Honorary Bencher of the Society
Monday Luncheon Club - Member automatically
Phyllis Court Club (Henley Royal Regatta) - Honorary Member
St. James' Club - Diplomatic Member
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Traveller's Club - Honorary Member
Whites Club - Diplomatic Member
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protesting against the actions of the Chicago police.

Nicky came to the office, and there succeeded in dunning me for a contribution to the family by whom he was employed this summer in France. He said they were poor and badly needed pecuniary assistance. I consented to his request.

Dr. Brownlow, who has been here with students from the Haverford School, has sent me his book "The Accused", a study of the ordeal of Rear Admiral Kimmell, who was in command at Honolulu when the Japanese struck. I have always thought the treatment accorded the Admiral was unfair, and I am glad Dr. Brownlow has so painstakingly corrected the record.

September 4, 1968 - Wednesday

We had a Country Team meeting this morning, during most of which Czechoslovakia was discussed. I expressed my amazement at the Soviets not having followed their classical procedure, when they wish to rid a satellite country of its government, of setting up a stooge cabinet, then having it call for Soviet armed intervention to protect the liberties of the people and sustain this good Democratic arrangement.

Rumors from the U.S. persist in stating the possibility of President Johnson's going, as had been intended before the recent troubles, to Moscow. Everyone present at our meeting thought this, under present circumstances, would be a fearful mistake.

Percy Brundage called on me this morning. This former Price, Waterhouse star is deeply interested in NATO and is shortly attending a conference at Lisbon of one of the organizations supporting the institution. I do not agree with his view favoring an extension of its activities in the economic field, but I am in thorough accord with him on the necessity of not cutting back our military commitments in Europe and using such influence as we have to induce our Allies to follow the same course.

Lunched at Bucks.

At six p.m. went to see Fleur Meyer at Albany to talk to her, who is always wonderfully helpful, about getting someone to occupy our "set of chambers" there as soon as their rehabilitation and furnishing is complete.

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Dined tonight at the Beefsteak. Alastair Buchan, Philip de Zulueta, and Philip's cousin (?), Father de Zulueta, were the only members there. I had a perfect evening in their brilliant company. Alastair will shortly leave his Institute of Strategic Studies, which under his guidance has become one of the most stimulating organizations in Britain. He expects to lecture and teach for a time in Canada and the United States. When I told him I had for the umteenth time given to a friend yesterday a copy of his father's Greenmantle, thinking it the best adventure story I [redacted] ever read, he said he must confess to the same opinion of its merits.

September 5, 1968 - Thursday

Again hot and clear. Wally Barbour came to see me this morning. He is on his way through from Israel for consultation in Washington, and hopes afterwards to take a short leave. During all the troubles in the Middle East he has been a real star in the firmament, and his influence on the Israeli Government has been entirely salutary. He does not have any fixed ideas about his future career. Tommy Thompson recommended him as a successor at the American Embassy in Moscow, but Wally has heard nothing from the authorities about this. Meanwhile, he has bought a house in Gloucester, Massachusetts for his ultimate retirement.

Harold Hall brought in this morning three commercial officers who arrived recently to take up their duties here. They are Messrs. Harry Heikenen, Edward Chapman, and Roland Berardo. With them was Donald Kilby, who has done an excellent job as Director of the U. S. Trade Center in London, and whom I am sorry to see leave after his service of three years with us.

Lunched at the American Club with Mr. Williams, head of Coca Cola. He said Coca Cola's sales of the [redacted] company's products in Israel [redacted] resulted in a boycott of it throughout the Arab world. The only American companies thus far discriminated against in this manner are Ford, RCA and Coca Cola. Although the drink is immensely popular in Israel, the loss of the custom of 40 million thirsty and non-alcoholic drinking Arabs was quite a blow.

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I started this morning an extra staff meeting to take place each Thursday at noon with Phil Kaiser, Stan Cleveland, Ron Spiers, and Bill Galloway. I think this may be a useful adjunct to the larger meetings they attend with the Minister.

David Astor came to see me this afternoon, to talk about his favorite subject, the Nagas. Men, women and children are still continuing their tre[illegible]n foot 1,000 miles each way, in the course of which they scale mountains as high as 17,000 feet, to secure and bring back military equipment from China. He has a faint hope the Indians may be now prepared to make a reasonable settlement with the Nagas. I told him I could express only a personal view, but did not believe the American Government would interest itself in this situation, except possibly to back up the British if they could help in reaching a fair solution. There are few people at home who know anything about these tribes or have visited the area. Although they are English speaking, I doubt they control any votes in the United States. David will see George Thomson on this subject.

General Wade, new Commander in Chief of US Forces, Europe, called on me with General Lightner and Colonel Cutler. We talked about Czechoslovakia and the probably favorable effect on the whole, as respects Nato, of the Soviet aggression. Our people are in favor of an early Nato Ministerial meeting, but I hope it will be put off until at least October, by which time we should have developed a better appreciation of what our joint policies might be.

September 6, 1968 - Friday

I received this telegram this morning from Dean Rusk, and forwarded [redacted] it to Foreign Secretary Stewart so that he might be informed of its contents before I visit[redacted] him this afternoon:

Jim Bell of TIME-LIFE called on me. He sought my views as to whether the United States Government might have forestalled the occupation of Czechoslovakia if it had warned the Soviets against such a procedure. I said I thought not, and believed [redacted] the worst thing we could do was to threaten another nation [redacted] without the intention of backing it up militarily. It was my own impression [redacted] our Government [redacted] handled this affair with considerable skill, without being betrayed into ill considered and hasty statements.

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DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR OPENING OF BUSINESS:

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY STEWART FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY RUSK. IN PRESENTING THIS MESSAGE EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM STEWART IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT OTHER RECIPIENTS OF SIMILAR MESSAGE ARE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF CANADA, GERMANY, ITALY, BELGIUM, AND THE NETHERLANDS, AS WELL AS BROSIO.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MICHAEL: SINCE THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON AUGUST 20, WE, LIKE YOU, HAVE BEEN THINKING DEEPLY ABOUT THE BEST RESPONSE WHICH THE NATO ALLIANCE MIGHT MAKE, BOTH IN REAL TERMS AND IN RELATION TO PUBLIC OPINION IN EUROPE, AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD. IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE INVASION WE FELT THAT THE UNCOMFORTABLE SPOTLIGHT OF THE UN ON THE SOVIET ACTION SHOULD BE KEPT BRIGHT AND THAT FOR THE MOMENT ACTIVITY THROUGH NATO SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW. THIS POSTURE ON THE PART OF THE NATO ALLIANCE HAS IN NO WAY PREVENTED INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN NATO ON THE MILITARY, INTELLIGENCE AND POLITICAL LEVELS AND HAS WELL SERVED ITS PURPOSE.

3. BUT WE ARE NOW THINKING, AS YOU NO DOUBT KNOW FROM YOUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NATO, OF THE NEED FOR A MORE PUBLICLY ACTIVE ROLE FOR NATO AS THE UN DEBATE DIES DOWN AND THE NEED GROWS FOR PUBLIC OPINION IN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY TO BE ASSURED THAT THE ALLIANCE REMAINS IN PLACE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE EFFECTIVE DESPITE ANY CHANGES IN THE MILITARY POSTURE OR DEPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT.

4. THE PROBLEM AS I SEE IT IS THIS. HOW CAN WE BEST BRING ABOUT A MEASURED REACTION OF THE NATO ALLIANCE SO THAT IT WILL BE CLEAR TO OUR PEOPLE THAT NATO CONTINUES WITH ALL STRENGTH TO MEET ANY CHALLENGE WHILE AVOIDING A PROVOCATIVE NATO STANCE THAT COULD POLARIZE THE PROBLEM IN TERMS OF A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT RATHER THAN BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE REST OF THE WORLD--INCLUDING SOME OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD.

5. THIS IS A DIFFICULT PRESCRIPTION AND MAY CONTAIN WITHIN IT SOME INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS. IT IS INDEED FOR THIS REASON I ASK YOUR ADVICE AS TO WHAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES THINK WE ALL OUGHT TO DO.

6. OUR OWN THOUGHTS AT THIS MOMENT ARE BEST STATED, I THINK, BY SAYING, ON THE ONE HAND, THAT A VISIBLE NATO REACTION THIS FALL IS REQUIRED BUT THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO CALL AN URGENT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF FOREIGN, DEFENSE AND FINANCIAL MINISTERS OF NATO MERELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING A DECLARATION OR COMMUNIQUE WITHOUT REAL CONTENT. SURELY WE HAVE ENOUGH WORDS ON PAPER. ANOTHER REAFFIRMATION OF WHAT WE HAVE SAID BEFORE RUSH THE RISK THAT IT WOULD BE REGARDED AS AN EMPTY GESTURE IN BOTH THE EAST AND THE WEST.

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7. FROM THESE CONSIDERATIONS WE HAVE FORMED THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE A SERIES OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ON WHAT EACH OF THE NATO COUNTRIES MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DO IN TERMS OF A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRENGTHENING OF NATO BEFORE WE REACH THE POINT OF CALLING FOR A FULL-SCALE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING AT A DATE PRIOR TO THE NORMAL DECEMBER EXERCISE.

8. A POSSIBLE PROCEDURE, TO WHICH WE ARE GIVING THOUGHT AND ON WHICH THE PRESIDENT AND I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE THE VIEWS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING:

9. WE MIGHT BEGIN WITH A SPECIAL NATO MEETING TOWARD THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO WHICH EACH OF US WOULD SEND A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WOULD BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR REAL ACTION LATER ON. THIS MEETING MIGHT BE FOLLOWED UP BY A MEETING OF THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND SECRETARY GENERAL BROSIO, WHICH COULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND 10 WHEN MANY FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE PRESENT. THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS LOCALE IS THAT IT WOULD NOT TEND TO HAVE THE DRAMA OF A BRUSSELS MEETING BUT WOULD PROVIDE THE OCCASION FOR CONSULTATION. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN NEW YORK COULD THEN, IF THERE WERE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND IT APPEARED THAT A FULL-SCALE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE OF CONCRETE RESULTS, BRING ABOUT SUCH A MEETING IN BRUSSELS, POSSIBLY IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER--IN SHORT SPEEDING UP THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

10. WE MAY HAVE BEFORE US A PERIOD WHEN IT WILL BE POLITICALLY POSSIBLE FOR EACH OF US TO TAKE STEPS THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE DESIRED REINFORCEMENT OF OUR NATO INSTITUTION IN A WAY WHICH MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD NOT BE LOST; BUT NEITHER SHOULD WE PROCEED IN A WAY THAT WOULD LEAD TO INSIGNIFICANT RESULTS OR COULD WORSEN AN ALREADY DANGEROUS SITUATION. I THINK THIS PROBLEM NEEDS OUR BEST THOUGHT. I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHATEVER YOU OR YOUR GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE TO SUGGEST ON THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED. UNQUOTE.

FOR AMBASSADOR: IN DELIVERING ABOVE MESSAGE AND DISCUSSING IT WITH FONMIN YOU SHOULD HAVE IN MIND OUR INTEREST IN SEEING WHETHER THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY FOR HARD CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS. BY THIS WE MEAN MILITARY FORCES AND BUDGETS AS WELL AS A LONG TERM SOLUTION FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM. IN ADDITION, YOU AND YOUR STAFF SHOULD PROBE THE COMPETENT MINISTRIES--CHIEFLY DEFENSE AND FINANCE AS WELL AS FOREIGN MINISTRIES--ON WHAT MAY BE FORTHCOMING IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR AN INCREASED SUBSTANTIVE INPUT BY THE EUROPEANS (AND CANADIANS) TO THE NATO INSTITUTION SO THAT WE IN TURN MAY ASSESS BOTH OUR OWN POSITION AND OUR OWN JUDGMENT ON THE USEFULNESS OF THE PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DELIVER. WE NEED SOONEST YOUR APPRAISAL OF LIKELY REACTIONS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU THINK THEY MIGHT DELIVER AS CONCRETE CONTRIBUTIONS. RUSK

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Lunched with Kisty Hesketh at the Cafe Royal. Afterwards went to the Foreign Office, where Ron Spiers and I conferred with Michael Stewart, Don Maitland and John Barnes. Spiers covered the essentials of our conversation in this message:

Telegrams from the Nato capitals, as well as from the European satellite countries, all display [redacted] fear of a possible repetition in Rumania of what was done in Czechoslovakia. I think we must be prepared for such a happening, but doubt the Soviets would pile error upon error in [redacted] that fashion.

From what has been said publicly and privately in Yugoslavia, an attack on that country would meet with armed resistance, and even if Yugoslav military units were overwhelmed, partisan warfare would ensue.

September 7, 1968 - Saturday

Nothing interesting at the office. David has a friend staying with him, whom I met for the first time today, since they seem invariably to go out in the evening before I arrive home, and are asleep in the morning when I leave. I was pleased with this agreeable young man, Martin Flusser, a student at Harvard.

Another Bogart TV film tonight "To Have and Have Not", presumably from a Hemingway story. I am sorry I have seen so little TV here, for many of its entertainments are excellent, and its news features are especially well done.

September 8, 1968 - Sunday

Beautiful sunny day. I took Nicky to Victoria Station this morning, where he boarded a train for Rome. This means a 30-hour journey, which fills him with happiness. We are distressed to have him go, for he is the most companionable young man I know, and affords E and myself unvarying amusement. He said he would practice the saxophone while travelling; I hope, for the sake of others in his second-class compartment, he will desist from doing so.

Virginia Surtees, David and his friend, lunched with us. E and I went [redacted] to Albany this afternoon. Tonight on TV we saw the first episode of the "Forsythe Saga". This time it was run on BBC-1, which is much clearer than Channel 2.

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1. Ambassador, accompanied by POL Counselor, met with FonSec, who had Barnes and Maitland with him, this afternoon, to receive British preliminary reaction to message from Secretary transmitted reftel.

2. Stewart said that Brits would make formal reply after further reflection and consultation with USNATO. He understood that Brosio had called meeting in Brussels this afternoon among recipients of Secretary's message and he would wish to consider results of that discussion (From Barnes comment, it seemed British were a little put out that Brosio had called this meeting before NATO DCIs had opportunity be in touch with capitals).

3. Emphasizing preliminary nature of his reactions, Stewart said that he was in favor of moving December

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meeting up to early November or late October. In this connection he referred to scheduled meeting of WEU Ministers October 21 and 22 which could be transformed to NATO meeting in Brussels, hopefully on US suggestion.

4. He also favored a meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers in New York on October 8, 9 or 10 although he was unclear whether US proposal was that this should be a formal meeting of Council, in which case French would have to be consulted straight away. He also noted that there would be problems for Brandt who was not intending to come to New York. Generally, he seemed to favor such a get-together without attempting to call it a formal meeting of Council, although fact that Brosio would also be in attendance would mean that all NATO members should be invited. Meeting, however, could go forward even if they did not all elect to attend.

5. Stewart had considerable doubts about idea of prior meeting of Foreign Ministers' Deputies. He did not

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see that this could accomplish anything that PermReps, who are now scheduled to prepare report by end of September, could not do. PermReps activities could be considered as preparation for October meeting in New York, which would have a "fairly formal character". Stewart was interested in clarification of just how US viewed New York meeting.

6. Stewart said he was very much in favor of some kind of a Foreign Ministers meeting before NPG meets in Bonn October 11. He had reservations about NPG being first high-level meeting in NATO framework after Czech crisis. If NPG were preceded by FonMin's meeting, NPG could go ahead as planned and would, in effect, be "smothered".

7. Stewart also thought that if formal NAC meeting were held at end October rather than early November, it would be not only better from standpoint US elections, but it would make less difference if all members did not turn up for New York meeting and New York meeting not considered

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forme meeting of Council.

8. Stewart said that one of subjects for early consultation was our attitude towards threat to Yugoslavia. He said Yugoslav Ambassador London appeared concerned about situation and had put to him just about every question except what assistance Britain would render if Yugoslavs were attacked.

9. Stewart also agreed that a matter for discussion among Foreign Ministers would be what steps should be taken re NATO forces. He noted UK Six Brigade exercise would go forward late this month and that UK was planning to proceed with its increased contributions to NATO which had been announced by Healey in May. He did not indicate any consideration was being given any further force increases beyond these, [redacted] emphasized [redacted] He British welcomed Belgian and Canadian decisions not to proceed

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September 9, 1968 - Monday

Major General Nils Ohman, of Headquarters Command, US Air Force at Bolling Field, came to see me this morning. We interchanged views about the effect of the Soviet action in Czechoslovakia in the Nato countries and on other matters.

Ernest Booth, who is in the Communications Section of this Embassy, came to see me this morning, to thank me on behalf of his son who has received a Foreign Service Association scholarship given from the so-called "Bruce Fund" that I usually refresh every year. I receive at times quite touching letters from the young recipients, whose parents are often unable to send them to universities unless they receive outside help, as in this case.

Lunched at the American Club. During my walk home I went to see the exhibition of the Garbisch American primitive paintings that opened this week at the Royal Academy. I have viewed most of them on previous occasions elsewhere. They do not especially strike my fancy, but I applaud the persistence which Col. Garbisch and his wife have for so long as collectors shown in amassing these objects that are at least of considerable scholarly and artistic interest. I am a bit jaundiced at the moment about Garbisch, for after announcing on the transatlantic telephone to De Myers he expected the Ambassador to do something about him (presumably in the way of entertainment), each time we tried to arrange an occasion for him we had difficulty in eliciting an answer.

September 10, 1968 - Tuesday

Eugene T. Kinnaly, the aged Administrative Assistant to Speaker McCormack, who has, I believe, been employed at the House of Representatives for over fifty years, came with another Nestor to see me this morning. He never seems charged with any business, but circulates around Europe periodically and genially.

A Washington team, consisting of Ray Garthoff, Vincent Baker and Robert Martin, briefed Ron Spiers and myself this morning on the highly secret subject of Strategic Arms Limitation. After leaving here, they will do the same for our Ambassadors in Bonn, Paris and Rome.

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Before the intervention in Czechoslovakia on August 21, the Soviets, as late as August 20, had agreed [redacted] with us to pursue this project vigorously and immediately. It is also believed [redacted] it was one of the principal reasons for President Johnson's desire to go to Ko[redacted]ow. Sentiment in the Administration is in favor of going ahead [redacted] regardless of recent developments in Central Europe. Accordingly our Nato partners will be sounded out tomorrow in Brussels on the general principles involved. If negotiations commence, they will be on a bilateral basis; Tommy Thompson, not Bill Foster, will head the American delegation.

Jim Farley came to see me this afternoon with two of his Coca Cola export company representatives. He seemed as usual robust physically and mentally. At 80, even his hearing is unimpaired. He said he still takes his regular Biltmore Hotel Turkish baths. One hundred other people who frequent that establishment gave him a birthday party a few months ago.

Tonight Fleur Meyer gave her great Anglo-American gala performance of "Gone with the Wind" at the Empire Theatre. Sponsored by the British Film Institute, the proceeds are to constitute the Vivien Leigh Award to Young Film Makers. Miss Leigh was a great friend of Fleur, and she, as chairman of a committee, succeeded in selling out the house to an audience of 1300 people. The price of tickets ranged from 15 guineas downward. The publicity for the affair carried a quaint inscription--the performance was to take place "in the gracious presence of His Royal Highness The Prince Richard of Gloucester and His Excellency Mr. David K. E. Bruce, CBE, American Ambassador to Great Britain." Crowds were lined up all around Leicester Square. People evidently hoped to catch a glimpse of famous film stars and other celebrities. Gloucester and myself bore the brunt of photography after we entered the building.

The film was warmly received, even by those like myself who have seen it often. It is a moving story, splendidly acted, and there was much weeping on the part of the spectators. During the intermission the sponsors had a small party in a private room, where drinks and sandwiches were served. The film did not conclude until almost midnight. A couple of hundred people, invited by Fleur and her committee, then walked to the Swiss Restaurant, where we sat down to a Southern Plate Dinner, preceded by mint juleps. The fried chicken

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was in actuality a sort of chicken Kiev. David Frost acted as master of ceremonies, introducing the various singers and musicians, who had donated their services--some of them had flown over from America for this purpose. The whole thing was spectacularly successful. E and I got to bed about three o'clock.

Phil Kaiser went off today for a vacation. Hannah and he expect to spend it in England, most of the time at Eric Rolls' house in the Cotswolds.

Jean Lambert called me from New York this afternoon, to say he had successfully concluded [redacted] negotiations for the liquidation of his indebtedness contracted in connection with the Canadian Great Northern Capital Company. I am so glad for his sake, for he has displayed great courage over a period of several years, during much of which his future financial status appeared almost hopeless. According to the terms of the deal, he should come into possession of several million dollars with which he can restart his banking business.

September 11, 1968 - Wednesday

We had a lunch today for the Vietnamese Ambassador and his wife. Fortunately, since she speaks no English, most of the other guests were fluent in French, so everything went smoothly. Odile de Gramont brought her 17-year old son, Antoine de Guiche. He is one of the best looking young men I have ever met.

Blair Clark came to see me this afternoon. He said the nine months during which he [redacted] handled the McCarthy campaign were the most exhausting but interesting of his life. He thinks Nixon will undoubtedly defeat Humphrey. He also believes that what is in effect a revolution amongst the youth in America cannot be settled by any of the old line politicians, and a clamor for new political leaders will continue. Blair is entitled to great credit for being the first man of any prominence to espouse the McCarthy cause when there were few followers and no money. They expended almost six million dollars during the campaign, and he hopes there is no deficit.

In connection with proposals to have ordinary and extraordinary meetings of Foreign Ministers and their Deputies to discuss Nato problems in the light of the Czechoslovakian instant, there are considerable differences of opinion amongst our allies about how to

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Mr. Stanley Cleveland
Mrs. Myers
Mr. William Chapin
Mrs. Sheldon Vance
Mr. and Mrs. John Bordley
Miss Anne Schein
Mr. Alan James
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Railey
Duchesse de Gramont
Duc de Guiche

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treat the Soviets. It might be well for them to remember the observation of Lord Palmerston that "great powers do not have [redacted] permanent friends or permanent enemies, but do have permanent interests.

In his farewell address George Washington voiced the same sentiment stating "permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations and passionate attachment for others should be excluded."

It is, I suppose, in this spirit we wish to proceed to discuss with the Russians Strategic Arms Limitation.

Because of the buoyancy for some years of the American stock market, I was somewhat surprised today to see in a newspaper this graph, which shows a greater increase in stock prices over the last ten years by four countries in comparison with ourselves:

For the Investor who requires a worldwide viewpoint

International Stock Price Indices

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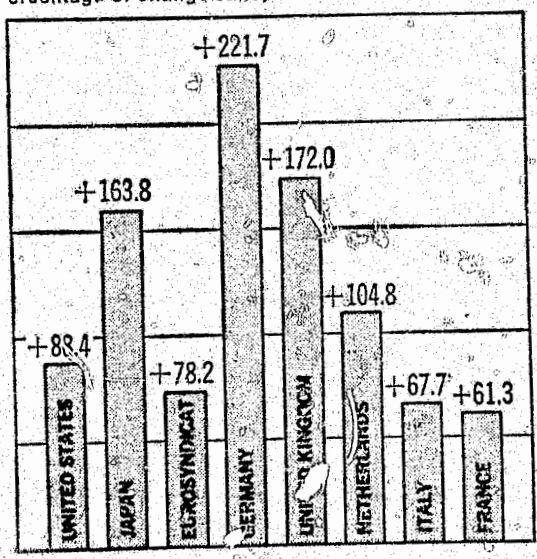

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The presentations in our staff meeting this morning were interestin Jack Herfurt gave a history of the negotiations to be officially terminated today at a lunch for the Trustees of the American School by ratification and acceptance of conditions required by the British authorities. Pete Skoufis explained the results of the final BALPA exercise decisions on our Embassy personnel. When they are all carried into effect there will be about 600 occupants of this building, and about 100 unattached people who will be carried on our rolls.

September 12, 1968 - Thursday

David Stewart of Roger Stevens' staff, associated with him as art adviser to President Johnson, came to see me this morning. He is keen to have the Government appropriate money for educational television an enterprise in which he says our country is sadly deficient. He does not know whether our Georgetown tenant, Roger Stevens, would be asked to stay on by a new President. Roger is a Democrat, but has not, I believe, held any political office except the one he now occupies.

It is difficult to know whether such schemes as Stewart is interested in will receive necessary pecuniary support from Congress. Budget cutting is savage. De Myers told me today our Fulbright grants for the next year would probably be slashed by two-thirds. One way to meet this would be by the elimination of all American scholars who are now considering coming to Britain on these funds. This would so curtail the operations of our joint American-British Educational Exchange Committee as probably to induce the resignation of most of its British members. I had a word about this this evening with Sir John Wolfenden, who is seriously concerned over what may happen.

I had a meeting this morning with Messrs. Cleveland, Galloway and Spiers. In the course of it we discussed ways in which the British might amplify their military contribution to Nato at slight cost. We were agreed on the desirability, but improbability, of reviving the EDC concept

E developed a fever today, so did not attend the reception we give each year for the new Fulbright Scholars. I stood in line with Dorothy and De Myers, Dr. David Edgell and his wife; we shook hands with 205 people.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 1 for 1.15 p.m.

LUNCH at the Residence

ACCEPTED

Colonel and Mrs. Edgar William Garbisch

Lord Goodman, C.B.E.
Chairman, Arts Council of Great Britain

Frau Dr. Brigitte Lohmeyer
Cultural Attache, German Embassy

Mr. Ian McCallum
Director, The American Museum in Britain

Mrs. Tom Montague Meyer

Sir Thomas Mornington
President, Royal Academy

Mr. John Russell
Art Critic, Sunday Times

Mr. Hugh Shaw
Exhibitions Organizer, Arts Council of Great Britain

Mr. Gabriel White
Art Director, Arts Council of Great Britain

Mr. Hugh Willatt
General Secretary, Arts Council of Great Britain.

Mr. Laurance Lowman (CBS)

Embassy
The Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce
Robert C. Goodell
William B. King
Edward D. Myers.

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After concluding our talk about Rumania, Michael handed me a letter from Anne Kerr, Labour MP, requesting him to make a formal protest to the U. S. Government about her treatment by the Chicago Police during her visit there at the time of the Democratic Convention. Previously I had received a telegram from her mother, as well as a message from her brother, objecting to the brutality to which she was subjected. According to her account to Stewart, she was manhandled, forcibly bundled into a police van and jailed for some hours. She was rescued by the British Consul General. She alleges that her face was sprayed with mace, which blinded her temporarily, and from which her eyesight has not yet fully recovered. Mrs. Kerr is violently anti-American, an extreme Left Wing Laborite, and frequently irritates many of her colleagues.

Since Michael asked for my suggestion, I said if the situation had been reversed and such a complaint were made by an American Congressman of similar mistreatment in Great Britain, I thought our Secretary of State would at such Congressman's request make a formal protest to the British Government. This episode was widely reported in British papers, and I have nowhere seen it denied. Given Mrs. Kerr's violent temper, I suspect she behaved in an infuriating manner, but all this will have to be checked at home if Stewart takes the matter up with Secretary Rusk.

David left today for Washington, where he will attend the wedding of George Crile and Anne Patten before returning to Harvard.

A Pocahontas item has turned up in England, for which the Smithsonian Institution is dickering. It is a vase of mushroom color, made of clay, salt glazed, with a silver rim on which are engraved the initials "R.M." (Rebecca Matoaka). This was given by Queen Anne to Pocahontas when she came to England in 1616. After a year, she prepared to return to Virginia with her husband and child, but died of smallpox on board ship at Graves End. She had been accompanied from America by an Indian of her tribe named Uttamaton, who was sent by her father with instructions to discover how many people there were in England. He carried a stick on which he intended to cut a notch for each person, but gave up notching in disgust, and threw away the stick. The only other known Pocahontas object is the Booton Hall portrait now in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington. It was bought in 1932 or 1933 by Mr. Mellon in Scotland; we have a copy of it in the Embassy residence, given us by Paul Mellon, and we have another copy of it in Georgetown

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September 14, 1968 - Saturday

On Thursday Surtees Raine, his wife, and Pamela Tower came to lunch with us. Like many scholars and antiquarians in County Durham, Raine is more interested in Robert Surtees, the Historian--a great friend of Walter Scott--than in my favorite, the author of Jorrocks. In the 1830's, in memory of the Historian, there was established the Surtees Society, which is still continuing publication. All in all, more than 150 volumes have appeared; Evangeline has a set in Washington, bequeathed her by her grandfather, who left her also some hundreds of his 17th, 18th, and early 19th Century books. Her mother has a life interest in certain portraits and silver, most of which she has already turned over to E. Since the Surtees Crest is three feathers, the same as that of the Prince of Wales, antique dealers have shown considerable interest in acquiring these pieces, but E has no intention of parting with them.

As usual, I questioned Pamela about her mysterious brother, Christopher. She believes he is living in the Canary Islands, but never has any communication with him except through his London solicitors. He has a private warehouse in London filled with things he inherited, and also collections made by himself. She has not seen him for ten years, but occasionally he sends her money. I have been interested in him for many years, ever since I first met him after he [redacted] sent a group of his Libyan friends to see us in Washington. Because of his linguistic competency, he can pass as an Arab.

Bob Blake came to see me on Friday. He is over for a couple of days from Paris. His wife (Sylvia Whitehouse) and he expect to move into the Minister's house within a few days. Bob did [redacted] well during his Congo assignment, and Sylvia, daughter of Sheldon and Mary Whitehouse, will be of great help to him. She worked for us in OSS. He said Sargent Shriver is even more a man of action than his brothers-in-law. He charges around all day and night, sometimes playing tennis at midnight. I gather for the time being the traditional habits of Embassy employees in Paris are unfixed. He also told me work on the building of 41 Rue du Faubourg St. Honore, to equip it as the Embassy Residence, is going ahead. It seems there is an appropriation of eight or nine hundred thousand dollars for this purpose. It is one of the finest locations in Paris, and it would be a great convenience for our Ambassador to be so near the Chancery.

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September 15, 1968 - Sunday

It rained steadily all day. Much of the southern part of England has been flooded to a degree almost unprecedented. I remained in the house reading, while Evangeline made excursions into the wet with the Spaniels, whom she has in her exclusive care for two weeks.

September 16, 1968 - Monday

Robert Cecil came to see me this morning. He, the Salisburys' eldest grandson, has been offered a trainee job by the Bank of California in San Francisco. Since his prospective employers have neglected to obtain a work permit for him, we could not grant him a visa, but explained to him what must be done to secure one. I have known him since he was a child, and I think this would be an excellent experience for him, since even after the impact of heavy death duties he will probably one day, as head of the family, have extensive property interests to manage. He is 22 years old, a fine sportsman, and has his portion of the charm for which his family are notable.

Lunched today at the Guinea, which still has, I think, the best steaks in London.

Mendel Rivers came to see me this afternoon. He said he had defeated his Negro opponent in the South Carolina Primary by about five to one, and will, as usual, have no difficulty in the general election. He takes a dim view of Hubert Humphrey's chances in South Carolina, or indeed elsewhere. He thinks Wallace will roll up a surprising vote around the country, and Nixon will cop the big prize. Mendel has always been a hawk on Vietnam. He says we missed the opportunity in the beginning to knock out the enemy in Haiphong and Hanoi, and now must make the best deal we can to withdraw as early as possible.

Buck Crawford of James H. Oliphant Company, New York, visited me this morning. Dorothy and he have been in Scotland on his customary annual tour of the Scottish investment trusts. He is retiring on October first as a general partner of his firm, but will continue as a special limited partner.

The Anne Kerr (MP) complaint about her treatment in Chicago, which Michael Stewart spoke to me about last week, has now hit the press, so we sent this telegram on it:

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SUBJECT: UK Protest on Treatment of Labor MP in Chicago

1. September 14 Guardian reports that FonSec raised with Ambassador on Friday, a complaint by Mrs. Anne Kerr, Labor M.P., who said "she was squirted in the face with a chemical during the Democratic Convention in Chicago."

2. At end of session reported in London's 12616, FonSec did show Ambassador copy of letter from Mrs. Kerr to him requesting that protest be made to USG on treatment she had received from Chicago police. FonSec said that he would, of course, have to raise this matter with US.

3. Embassy assumes that British will be doing this through UK Embassy in Washington and that FonSec on Friday was merely mentioning matter in passing. FonOff

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today confirmed that Ambassador Dean was being instructed to express "UK anxiety and distress" on Kerr case and that Mrs. Kerr was being informed this would be done.

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September 17, 1968 - Tuesday

Dr. Salazar, Prime Minister of Portugal, fell and injured his head a week or so ago. After undergoing an operation, he seemed well on the road to recovery, but this morning [redacted] we learned he [redacted] just had a serious and unexpected vascular development in his brain, and [redacted] is in serious condition. This man's extraordinary career over the last forty years at least brought order in a country so accustomed to chaos. In the event of his death or dismissal drastic changes in internal conditions may take place, for there is no really popular [redacted] to his position. I doubt, however, if a new government would change his foreign policy as it respects Portuguese possessions in Africa.

All England continues assailed by floods, especially in the Southeast, which is now referred to as a lake. On Sunday London had its wettest September day since records began in 1871. The railway system in parts of the country is disrupted, and some motorists have had unpleasant experiences, several of them having been drowned. Susie at Kerin's said she had come back from a Sunday visit to her parents driving a mini car. It took her nine hours to reach London, whereas the normal time would have been two hours. In the course of it, the waves from a swollen river came over the top of her car, and she said she would have been drowned had not a lorry pushed her to a safer place.

Ambassador Fraser Wilkins, Chief of the Inspection Corps, came to see me this morning. We talked about administrative matters, discussed the BALPA exercise, and he told me of State Department studies looking toward drastic changes in personnel and other practices to be recommended for action after the elections. He appeared later at our staff meeting, the most crowded we [redacted] ever had, to explain the purpose of his trip and to answer questions. This was a useful proceeding; he will now make himself available for the next few days to our people to receive suggestions, complaints or whatever may be offered to this travelling ombudsman.

Lunched at the Beefsteak.

I went this afternoon to call on Roy Jenkins at the Treasury.

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At the Beefsteak I sat next to Osbert Lancaster, just returned from Cyprus. He said the weather there had been magnificent, accommodations, food and drink cheap, and no incidents between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots. Amongst the numerous company at the Club was Richard Pennoyer, who for decades after leaving [redacted] the diplomatic service has lived here. [redacted] He is 82, which one would never suspect.

In Alistair Cooke's weekly broadcast "Letter from America" he spoke of his difficulty, that also confuses me, in referring to American Negroes. When I was younger, the polite thing to do was to call them "Colored People". Now that is anathema. The most acceptable term is "Blacks", but "Afro-Americans" will pass. They do not like to be called "Africans" or "Negroes", and of course, as has always been the case, "Nigger" is an offensive term, although I noticed the other day still used by Mendel Rivers.

The Chevaliers du Tastevin in Burgundy invited me, through their Grand Chancellor, to be their guest of honor at an October banquet in their headquarters at Clos Vougeot. I always thought these occasions the pleasantest combination of ceremony and gastronomy that man has ever devised. Unfortunately, I cannot accept and collect another silver tasting cup, of which I already have a small collection at Staunton Hill, given me in the past. Accompanying their letter were two numbers of what they call their "Gazette Periodique". This publication is a joy to read, for the speeches recorded in it are almost invariably amusing, as well as literary in content. In the April 19[illegible] number, the discourse of M. Andre Roussin, the Grand Seneschal, started off with a story about the famous French grammarian and lexicographer Littre, who even under the most unusual circumstances never forgot the importance of a correct use of language. Profiting one afternoon (so the story runs) by the absence from home of Madame Littré, he was disporting himself with the chambermaid when his wife unexpectedly returned. Seeing what was going on, Madame Littre, with great dignity, remarked "I am surprised." To this, her husband replied calmly, "No, my dear, you are astonished; it is we who are surprised." As one reads on in this number, one admires the ingenuity which the French display in playing with ideas and theories about wine and food. One of the chapters advocates never drinking with meals, but using wines as aperitifs, [redacted] instead of

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resorting to cocktails and whiskey. The author complains that man is the only animal who drinks while eating, and advises the abandonment of this practice and the imitation of our inferior brothers, so wise, instinctive and natural. The same commentator is dead against drinking wine with cheese. He thinks this results in a shock and collision between two incompatible forces, likening it to the result in an encounter between a pedestrian (wine) with an autobus (cheese).

Recent speakers at Clos Vougeot were Ridge Knight, whose French is, if anything, better than his English, and at another time, the Duc de Brissac, whose grandmother, the Duchess d'Uzes, had the famous staghounds at La Celle-les-Bordes, and killed her last victim when she was 86 years old. She left her chateau and pack to Brissac, who in his oration said "She was pretty well ruined, so that in reality I only inherited 2400 trophies of the chase. Consequently, I had to open the house to the public and visitors ask 'can one see the horns of Monsieur le Duc?'" This joke in France applied to cuckolded husbands never fails to bring down the house.

Roy Jenkins is going to Washington the end of this month, to attend the IMF meeting. I expressed my views in favor of contingency planning in connection with the possibility of an eventual devaluation of the French Franc. Because of its obligations to its Common Market partners, as well as for other reasons, if the French Government decides upon such a step it should notify its associates in advance, especially since to support any new position it would need assistance from friendly central bankers and governments. On the other hand, President de Gaulle is so unpredictable that it is not inconceivable he would take such a grave step without giving advance warning. If this should come to pass, the extent of French devaluation would determine whether other countries would have to follow suit. If Britain had to do so, the question would at once be posed as to whether the United States would match its move. All suggestions to date have apparently centered upon the calling of a meeting of the Ten to concert action for handling such an emergency. I do not think this is good enough, and see no reason why, as in military planning, one should not have at least a general idea of what might be feasible under certain hypothetical circumstances. I believe Roy is in accord on this point. He also feels the present impasse over the sale

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of gold by South Africa should be settled as soon as possible. The trade figures today, showing a tentative visible deficit of 30 million pounds, are a great improvement over last month. As a consequence, Sterling is strengthened in world markets. It is, however, unwise to found one's expectations for the future on monthly figures, but rather one should rely on trends over longer periods.

We had a cocktail party at home tonight for the following:

Afterwards, E and I went to dine with Beryl and Reggie Maudling. The others were William Rees-Mogg, Mr. and Mrs. Kleinwort (of the merchant banking firm of Kleinwort Benson & Co.), and another couple. Attractive Mrs. Kleinwort once rented the Munster house in Venice, and we found ourselves at one in admiration of that part of the world. The Maudlings are always admirable hosts, and conversation flows easily under their guidance. Reggie favored us with a magnificent Romanée Conti, and an almost equally good magnum of Lusigny 1955. We were due to go on to a party at the Douglas Fairbanks', but since we would not have arrived [redacted] until after midnight, we went home instead.

At the Maudlings' there was a long discussion amongst the men after dinner about the great demonstration expected to attract more than 100,000 people, planned for October 27 in London as a protest against American policy in Vietnam. Rees-Mogg and others on the Times must have succeeded in penetrating some of the secrets of the hard-core militants who are fostering this movement. They seem to have in mind, under cover of what might otherwise be a peaceful demonstration, [redacted] seizing certain key installations such as the Post Office, BBC, and generally causing unpredictable troubles. A Labour Member of Parliament has advocated the march being diverted from its usual channels, the crowd to be concentrated in Hyde Park. There have also been letters to newspapers advocating the use, if necessary, of fire hoses on the demonstrators.

September 18, 1968 - Wednesday

Luke Battle arrived here by a night plane from Washington, and met a number of us this morning for a 45-minute briefing before he resumes his travels toward Egypt, where he hopes to see Nasser. He has resigned as Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, effective as of October 1, 1968, and will be replaced by Pete Hart,

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Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce
Congressman Mendel Rivers
Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford
Amb and Mrs. Fraser Wilkins
Mr. and Mrs. SAndford Menter
Admiral and Mrs. Kirn
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schiff
Duchesse de Gramont
Duc de Guiche
Mr. Anthony Harwood
Lady Jellicoe
Mr. and Mrs. Goddard Lieberson
Mrs. Joy Billington
Mr. and Mrs. Luis Bolin
Amb. Andrew Corry
Mrs. Nathan Milstein
Miss Jill Weldon
The Hon. G. Frederick Reinhardt
Mr. Hamish Hamilton
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skiff

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our able Ambassador in Turkey. Battle has accepted a position with Comsat. His leaving Government will be much regretted at home and abroad, for the impression made by his sterling character and abilities is widespread. He offered us no comfort regarding a settlement between Israel and the Arab countries, for there are almost no true signs of progress in that connection. He thinks the Soviets have restored the military equipment losses suffered by the Egyptians to the extent of 80 or 90 percent. In the case of Egypt's allies, they are about as well off as they were before the War. In Egypt, Luke will attend the ceremonies to celebrate the saving of Abu Simbel, a project to which he devoted considerable and effective energy.

I had another of the newly instituted meetings with Messrs. Kaiser, Spiers, Cleveland and Galloway. We went over the plans for the reception of ex-Governor Scranton, who is making an unofficial tour abroad on behalf of Dick Nixon, to meet European leaders.

We had a lunch at home today, primarily for Messrs. George Braziller and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Power. Last winter, amongst the hodgepodge of the remaining documents in the famous Phillips Collection, there was almost inadvertently discovered the presence of a manuscript lost since the 16th Century of the Caxton publication of Ovid's Metamorphoses, the other half of which was left to the Bodleian Library by Samuel Pepys. This was bought, as I recall it, by the American dealer, Mr. Fleming, for about £100,000. He purposed shipping it to America and selling it there. There was an outcry in England to save it for this country, but after raising £20,000, the subscription campaign collapsed. Mr. Braziller, an ingenious publisher, conceived a plan, financed by a loan of $200,000 from Eugene Power, to reproduce the entire manuscript and to sell the product, consisting of 1200 copies, at £110 each, to pay off the loan and to enable the missing part to be deposited with its mate at the Bodleian. This has now been done. Mr. Power showed us today the two-volume set, which is beautiful in typography, execution and binding. Subscriptions have already been made for half the edition.

I sat between Lady Francis and Mrs. Power. Walter Hamilton, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, which has given an honorary degree to Mr. Power, told me that after being Headmaster at Rugby, he was appointed to his present position at Cambridge at the direction of a Peer whose family has always enjoyed the right of

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Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I nnett
(Senior Tutor, dalene College, Cambridge)

Mr. George Braziller

Sir Frank and Lady Francis
(Director, British Museum)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamilton
(Master, Magdalene College, Cambridge

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Power

Mr. Isaac Steern

Mr. and Mrs. William B. King

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Myers

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making this appointment. I said this seemed an extraordinary example of patronage, but he answered that it had never been contested, and could only be changed by Act of Parliament.

Isaac Stern, who played here last night, and is not only one of the greatest but most agreeable of violinists, also lunched with us. He is apprehensive over the growth of Soviet strength in the Mediterranean, and the possibilities of the UAR and other Arab States engaging in another war with Israel.

I went this afternoon to the Ditchley meeting, at the Crown Estates Office, where we considered amongst other matters the necessity of increasing substantially the endowment fund.

James F. Fanseen, Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission, a man of about 40 from Baltimore, came to see me. He is a prepossessing fellow, a livewire much interested in Maryland politics. He thinks highly of Governor Agnew, which rather surprised me, in view of the adverse newspaper publicity about him. He thought the betting odds at the present time should be about 3 to 2 for a Nixon victory over Humphrey. Like others from home to whom I have talked recently, he is surprised by the strength of the Wallace following. Fanseen believes Wallace will pull away more votes from Humphrey than he will from Nixon, and will make a big showing in the North and West amongst ethnic groups such as the Poles, as well as generally in the ordinarily Democratic labor vote.

The other day at lunch I found that amongst sympathetic Mr. Powers' many interests were those in sporting dogs and in wines. On safaris in Africa he photographs but does not shoot big game, although this does not apply to killing feathered game. He particularly likes English setters and short-haired German pointers. He has formed a wine club at home, which purchases annually in France for its twenty members large amounts of French vintages. He was kind enough to express liking for the 1947 Ch Beychelle we drank today. At this point in conversation, Lady Francis joined in, at once evidencing her knowledge and curiosity about wine. She said she always had a problem, living in cold houses, in bringing her selections to the table at proper temperature, having been advised against placing a bottle near an open fire or putting it into warm water. She said after much experience she had reached the conclusion the best method was to stand it at some distance near a radiator. She is strong for decanting, and agreed as a rule of thumb to do so one half hour before serving was good practice. She attended the 90th birthday dinner of Andre Simon, whom she much admires.

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September 19, 1968 - Thursday

I was telephoned at the house this morning by Yehudi Menuhin, who is vacationing on the island of Elba. He said he had spent a sleepless night pondering over Soviet moves and policies. As a result, he jotted down certain comments which he read me, to seek my reaction as to whether or not he should publish them. For the most part, they seemed to me visionary and impractical of [redacted] execution, such as having the U.S. threaten the Soviets with the destruction of a named Russian city if they do not accede to our demands about certain changes in their policy. He is particularly concerned over their penetration of the Middle East. I told him I thought he should go over what he has already written, consider it carefully, and recast it for presentation as a letter to the Times. He is a man of such good heart and musical genius that anything he says commands wide public attention.

Colonel McCurdy, now assigned to the Army Attache's office, came [redacted] to invite me to address in February an Anglo-American medical meeting. I said I was too uncertain of my future plans to do so. I found much pleasure in talking to him. As a doctor, he served for a time on the staff at Walter Reed, where he saw President Eisenhower two weeks ago. He thought the patient was on the road to recovery, but would always be liable to further heart attacks. He had found the General relaxed and cheerful, and a great favorite with everyone at the hospital, for he never complained about anything.

At noon I went to Shell Centre, where I met Monty Spaght and John Loudon. We were briefed by Mr. Doig, one of Royal-Dutch's chief geologists, although he is still a young man. He described to us the importance of two successful wells recently completed in northern Alaska by Atlantic Richfield and Humble Oil. The initial flow of one was at the rate of 2400 barrels a day, but no figures have been given out on [redacted] the other. The estimate is made they will open up a field with a potential of between five and ten billion barrels. Undoubtedly further discoveries will now be made in the large area which geologically offers similar prospects and extends into the Mackensie River Basin. The difficulty is to get the petroleum to points where it can be easily handled, and to do so at not excessive cost. So far, figures indicate it would take between half a billion and a billion dollars to run pipelines for this purpose.

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The climate in the territory where oil has been found is of a severity to beggar the imagination. For nine months of the year the underground is covered by a thick icecap. At the depth of a few feet it is permanently frozen. During the summer the top surface becomes a marsh, making transportation, both winter and summer, [redacted] difficult. Construction is excessively expensive, and living conditions for those who have to endure a temperature of 30° below zero are not alluring. To me the petroleum industry has always been the most romantic of all industries. The managers of [redacted] the companies seem never daunted by difficulties, and necessarily take tremendous speculative chances. It is thought the Soviets have also brought in promising wells across the Behring Straits.

After a fascinating 45-minute exposition by Mr. Doig I then lunched with some of the Directors, where the conversation changed to a discussion of international finance and American politics. Those who run the affairs of Royal-Dutch are all professionals--British, Dutch, and the one American, able and delightful Spaght.

Mohammed Rauf, of the Baltimore Times-American, interviewed me this afternoon, with a view to doing a profile for his paper.

I saw Ambassador Corry briefly. Posted in Ceylon, he is on his way to Washington for home leave.

Our colleague Ambassador Wilkins' wife, who came to the house the other day with her legs heavily bandaged as if she had been in a bad accident, has an aggravated case of poison ivy. She will not be able to accompany Wilkins [redacted] to his next port of call, but is being sent to the Air Force hospital at Ruislip.

We had drinks at home tonight for:

Lord and Lady George Scott
Mrs. Vincent Astor
Mrs. Ian Fleming
Mr. and Mrs. Vere Harmsworth
Mrs. Phipps
Mr. Gore Vidal
Mrs. Judy Gendel
Lady St. Just
Mr. Peter Eyre

Rushing away from this pleasant company, we dined delightfully with the de Zuluetas', whose other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Embiricos, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian de Ferranti, Lord Drogheda, Lady (Branwen) Astor.

Branwen Astor, since Bill's death, has been occupied with looking after their young children and the settlement of his estate. She is

especially attractive and quite beautiful. She was once a model for Balmain in Paris.

We left before the others, to attend the Bauhaus Exhibition, given under the auspices of the German Ambassador at the Royal Academy. We were too late to meet the famous Professor Walter Gropius, now in his late 80's, who largely invented the concept of industrial design. As an architect, he designed some of the first modern industrial buildings in Europe, and conceived the idea of the Bauhaus, or "building-house". Its teachers and students plan buildings, furniture and utensils for mass production, and created new standards by which contemporary designs are still judged. Essential to his conception is [redacted] the belief that all the arts are interrelated, the study of architecture is as important for a painter as the study of painting is for an architect; all artists need to know the essentials of all the arts before specializing in any single artistic activity. One of his aims [redacted] has been to produce a new species of technologist-craftsman, who could understand the capabilities of a machine and could design objects for mass production.

Even at midnight, there was a large crowd still looking at the exhibits. We met many friends and acquaintances, and got to bed about three o'clock.

September 20, 1968 - Friday

Saw Peter Cusack this morning. Ernie Weiner called on me. I am devoted to him. He is presently serving in Rio under Jack Tuthill. He said Jack would be leaving in a few months to take up his assignment at the Johns Hopkins Institute in Bologna, Italy. Ernie was born in Czechoslovakia, and is a man of high character and ability who has continued to keep himself well informed on conditions in central Europe.

Odile de Cramont and her son, [redacted] Antoine de Guiche, came to the office to see me. Antoine is about to re-enter school; after completing his course next summer, he wants to join the French Air Force, and later on perhaps attend a business school. She is gloomy over France being able to settle [redacted] economic and student problems without further violence. She said they had not yet been able to sell her father-in-law's huge house on Avenue Henri Martin, but her husband insisted on keeping up the even larger establishment at [redacted] Fortfontaine, a typical Rothschild extravaganza built by his grandfather. Her mother and her two aunts were three of the great beauties of Paris when I first went there.

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E left early this morning for Paris, expecting to return in time for dinner.

Lunched at Bucks, in company with Messrs. Dixon and Beauchamp.

Gwen and Larimer Mellon came to see me this afternoon. They have been in Switzerland for several weeks, and are passing through London on their way back to their Albert Schweitzer hospital in Haiti. They started it 14 years ago, and both being doctors have accomplished marvelous work there, according to every informed account. I have always considered them more nearly saints than almost any humans I have ever met. If Larimer has a fault, it is that of excessive modesty. The operations now require to sustain them about one million dollars a year in voluntary contributions. As a result of a strict abstention from any display of interest in Haitian politics, they and their staff have never been interfered with by the Government.

Larimer said Papa Doc has diabetes, and a bad heart condition, so may not last much longer.

Yesterday Phil Kaiser, Jack Herfurt and myself met to consider the visa application made by Vanessa Redgrave, in Stockholm, to visit the United States. Our Consular Officers, I regret to say, when informed of this by Stockholm, had recommended against the grant. This I feel is a mistake, for difficult as Miss Redgrave has been in sponsoring demonstrations here against us because of Vietnam, to deny so distinguished an artist a visa seems to me bad public policy, and would result in a storm of criticism against such action. Were she a bad character, and deliberately had incited violence, I would feel differently about it. As it is, I have been told by close friends she was quite appalled at the nature of the outbreaks of the organization making use of her. In ordinary life she is a charming, beautiful and talented woman, and with the rest of her family, represent one of the great traditions in the British theater. I have recommended to Washington the grant of a visa to her.

I stopped in the other day to see an exhibition of "Five Centuries of English Silver" at Garrards. They borrowed for this some superb items, including pieces from the Royal Collection. It is astounding, when one considers the amount of antique silver exported from this country, to realize what a wealth of it remains.

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Leonard Marks, Director of USIA, came to see me. He is making a tour of his provinces. He said the President was discomfited and felt betrayed by the Soviets, who were expected to announce the invitation to him to visit Moscow the day before they invaded Czechoslovakia. He feels the President cannot announce an unconditional cessation of bombing before the election on November 5, without being accused on all sides of this being a political trick. The same does [redacted] not, in his opinion, apply to whatever action he might take after the election, regardless of who has been chosen. Marks was one of the President's private lawyers, and is devoted to him. He feels, as I do, it is ironic that a man who had done so much for his country in coping with its [redacted] domestic problems should have all his accomplishments obscured by the Vietnam affair.

My last call of the day was Ambassador Wilkins, who said he could only repeat what Bob McClintock [redacted] stated when he inspected us, namely this Embassy was the best organized they had seen. Although he invited complaints, the only one he received was about housing.

David Grainger of New York, a Vice President of the English Speaking Union, telephoned me this morning and asked whether I would succeed the incumbent as Chairman or President of the English Speaking Union in the United States after my retirement from Government. I was not certain who the incumbent is, or which office he had in contemplation since our communication was unclear, but told him in any case I must decline the offer, as I did not now wish to make any plans about the future.

I have been much struck while here by the attention prominent Englishmen devote to the affairs of voluntary organizations. The Ditchley Foundation is a good example of this. Harold Caccia and associates spend hours, indeed days, in consultation over its operations. Its Officers, Governors, and its American Advisory Council are:

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September 21, 1968 - Saturday

E. and I went tonight to a popular Danish movie titled "Seventeen". Attendance is restricted to adults only. A few years ago such a show would have been heavily censored, but now everything goes. It was really a gay picture of a 17-year-old male student who, having once discovered the pleasures of sex, created havoc in the households he visited through his ardent pursuit of it with willing partners.

September 22, 1968 - Sunday

Preparations today for a trial night at Albany. Many minor defects still remain to be remedied there, E. and I decided it would be well to test out the plumbing, heating, kitchen and other apparatus. It was all great fun. We consumed cold Roman pie which, with a bottle of wine, was perfection.

September 23, 1968 - Monday

My busman's holiday started today. We abandoned our original idea of making a weeks tour of British country houses in favor of a quiet time in the capital. To this end I gave out word in the office and the house that I was away on leave and incommunicado. This worked moderately well, though it did not shut off foreign telephone calls, including one from my distant relative Hunter Pearson of Alexandria, La., who, with the sponsorship of Senator Long, asked for employment as Legal Adviser at the Embassy in London. Applications of this kind are frequent but easily dealt with, since all assignments are handled in Washington. Hunter said he has seven children, some of them already in college, the rest about to enter, and felt he could not support them on his earnings as a lawyer. I think he is laboring under a considerable delusion in thinking he might better his financial capabilities by becoming a civil servant.

This afternoon we gave a cocktail party at home for a group headed by George Love, Chairman of the Chrysler Corporation, and some of his friends who, after a golfing tour in Scotland, are headed for Vienna and Madrid. In addition to George and his wife, there were Betty and George Wyckoff, Mr. and Mrs. Del Harting of Cleveland (President of the Hanna Mining Company), Mr. and Mrs. W.F. McBride, of Chicago, L.F. McCollum, Chairman of Continental Oil Company, with his goodlooking daughter and son-in-law, from Texas. Kewpie Love is one of the most engaging and successful men in American business, and

all the men with him could appropriately be labled "financial tycoons". I have known almost all of them for years, George Wyckoff especially being an intimate friend. I was once again struck by the enormous mental and physical vitality of business men of this type from Pittsburg, Cleveland and Chicago. They play as vigorously as they work, and radiate good cheer, optimism and friendliness. George Love's own career is one of many examples of the positions that can be more easily achieved in the U.S. than anywhere else. After [redacted] graduating from Princeton, he became associated at an early age with George Humphrey, former Secretary of the Treasury and a dominating personality in the Hanna industrial interests. Humphrey and Love, through skillful management, revived the moribund Pittsburg Coal Company to profit making status, [redacted] then amalgamated it with the Continental Oil Company. When the Chrysler Corporation was on the rocks, they refloated it with brilliant success, incidentally increasing their already large fortunes.

September 24, 1968 - Tuesday

After a day of dawdling, E. and I went to see "The Advertisement" at the National Theatre, taking with us Diana Phipps and the author Mark Hastings. This translation from the Italian under the auspices of the Old Vic was as a play disastrous, but saved by the superlative acting of Sir Laurence Olivier's wife Joan Plowright. She was on stage for hours, most of the time delivering a monologue without a slip. During the intermission, the manager of the National Theatre asked us to a private room where, with other guests, we consumed sandwiches and drinks, a welcome interlude.

Oliver Chandos, and other members of the Board of Directors were there, as well as [redacted] friends including Frances and Ashley Clarke. I thought Olivier especially attractive.

Afterward we went to supper at Fleur Meyers', where the Brazilian Ambassador and his wife, the Kenneth Tynans, and an assortment of Italians and British who had attended the show, were present. A late but joyful evening.

September 25, 1968 - Wednesday

Spent most of the day shopping for oddments to outfit the apartment at Albany. This entailed several visits there, in the course of which we pointed out to the contractors the all too numerous deficiencies in their work.

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September 26, 1968 - Thursday

After sleeping for ten hours I devoted myself to gardening, walking, reading, and writing, and am now in full holiday mood.

We dined tonight with Annie Fleming on the best [redacted] grouse I have tasted this season. The only other person there was Diana Cooper, whose conversation, always entrancing, coupled with Annie's superlative gifts in the same field, made the evening lively. Diana recounted various episodes in her life commencing when, as she put it, she became "conscious of personality" at the age of 14, and terminating at her present age of 76; [redacted] she is still considered, and justly so, one of the great beauties of England. Although she can be stern in her judgments, she has always seemed to me a person utterly without malice. If she dislikes anyone or finds them boring, she politely ignores them without their being conscious of it, an unusual gift.

Although it was late, I dropped the ladies at various destinations from which they did not intend to return before two or three in the morning. Diana went off to two more small parties, Annie to the Savoy where Carol Reed was being festive, and E. to an enormous gala at the Weidenfelds.

September 27, 1968 - Friday

I took Diana Phipps this morning to a pre-auction showing of paintings at Phillips, Son & Neale, an establishment off Bond Street I had never previously visited. There was nothing there of [redacted] interest except a 1540 portrait of a Merchant from the collection of Castle Loon op Zand in Holland. Its [redacted] estimated price was about £3000, so we went in search of modest pick-me-ups on Pimlico and Fulham Roads. Diana is still struggling with the outfitting of her house in Elgin Crescent. The two top floors have been charmingly completed, but below them the problems at this time seem insoluble, since she is now without workmen and is the sole plumber, carpenter and jack of all trades engaged in this work.

Jean Monnet has been here for a couple of days and came to dine with us tonight. His present mission [redacted] to obtain representation by the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Parties on his Action Committee. He thinks this has been accomplished and attaches great importance to it. [redacted] I was glad to hear him say he believed the French Government would not devalue the Franc without making prior arrangements with other countries. He believes a general realignment of

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exchange rates probable, but does not predict how the dollar would fit into such an arrangement.

He said Edgar Faure was handling the school and university difficulties in France wisely and does not anticipate further grave troubles in that field this autumn, since the majority of students are keenly desirous of resuming their academic careers.

We talked about Czechoslovakia and many other matters, which he illumined, as only he can, with canny and sound perception. While here, he is seeing the Prime Minister, Ted Heath, and many other politicians. He spoke in the most flattering terms of Michael Palliser, whom he rightly considers a man of uncommon excellence.

Jean will be 80 on November 9. He ascribes his wonderful health to the regularity of his habits. He gets up every morning at 7:00, takes a long walk, and is usually in bed by 10:00 p.m. He said in this respect his routine was entirely different from that of his [redacted] spectacular business friend Andre Meyer, of Lazard, who gets [redacted] up at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, attends to his business at home before going to his office, where he receives many people and directs the affairs of his firm. There is an interesting article on Meyer in a recent number of FORTUNE; he is probably today the world's leading merchant banker.

We have just heard of George Ball's resignation as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and his replacement by Russ Wiggins of the Washington Post. Monnet said he had seen George recently in Paris, where George [redacted] told him of his intention to take this action. Ball feels that the election of Nixon would be an international calamity. Jean said he had talked to Andre Meyer on the transatlantic telephone yesterday, and Meyer thought this decision by Ball would be of the greatest possible assistance to Humphrey.

September 28, 1968 - Saturday

Went to the office this morning; found [redacted] our affairs in good train. I was reminded of my conversation with Larry [redacted] by reading that President Duvalier of Haiti is supposedly dying of cancer. This curious individual, a practitioner of Voodoo, seeks inspiration by studying goats' entrails. Sometimes he stays for days in his bath, wearing only a top hat.

Virginia Surtees came to lunch with us.

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September 29, 1968 - Sunday

For days, the weather here has presented an alternation of sunshine and rain, with a pleasant temperature around noon of about 63 degrees.

E and I spent the night at Albany. Each time we go there we find something else that needs doing, but our flat is shaping up well, and presents a pleasing appearance.

For years I have been puzzled by the names given large bottles of wine. In the last issue of the Wine Magazine, the following is proclaimed correct:

Magnum	contains 2 bottles or 1 litre 50
Jeroboam	contains 6 bottles or 3 litres
Rehoboam	contains 8 bottles or 4 litres 50
Imperial or Methusalem	contains 8 bottles or 6 litres
Salmanazar	contains 12 bottles or 9 litres
Balthazar	contains 16 bottles or 12 litres
Nebuchadnazar	contains 20 bottles or 15 litres

I have often heard a Jeroboam referred to as a double magnum. Justerini & Brooks have recently been selling a bottle called an "Imperial" that contains between two-fifths and four-fifths of a quart. The whole subject is somewhat confusing.

We continue apprehensive about the October 27 demonstration in which more than 100,000 people are expected to participate. The authorities have not yet made known how they expect to handle it. Brigadier Thompson, an expert on riots, has said:

"The instant action of a small disciplined squad knowing exactly what to do can restore order immediately, whereas a large untrained force not knowing what it should do, or using more force than is necessary, may only provoke the situation and create a riot where it should have been prevented. It is well to remember the words of a Persian poet: "The spring at its source may be turned with a twig; when it has grown to a river it cannot be crossed by an elephant.'"

September 30, 1968 - Monday

Ed Marks, our AID man, who has been here for two years, came to see me this morning. He is leaving on temporary assignment for Lagos, to help with the starvation problem. He made one previous trip there, but was not allowed in the Biafran territory. No one knows how many Biafrans are starving, but the assumed figures are between 5,000 and 10,000 daily. The Federal troops have seized almost all strong points,

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and it appears delivery of arms from outside to the rebels has almost halted. However, the Biafrans are still refusing to abandon their doctrine of secession.

Lunched at Bucks. Sat between Whitney Straight and Sir Bograve Beauchamp, who has become a rather frequent companion of mine. Whitney is hopeful the present conversations about a settlement in Rhodesia may succeed. He says sanctions have had little noticeable effect on the white population in Rhodesia; his own large office and apartment building in Salisbury is fully rented. Beauchamp laments the pronouncement by the Executive Committee at the Labour Conference in Blackpool about the possibility of a wealth tax. He has served both in the House of Commons and [redacted] Ministries.

Bernard Yarrow came to see me this afternoon. He devotes his entire time and energies to the Free Europe Organization, with which he has been associated for many years. He thinks its activities have been unusually effective during the Czechoslovakian crisis and [redacted] the aftermath. So far, only the Bulgarians are completely jamming Radio Free Europe broadcasts. He is dedicated to this organization, now headed by Lucius Clay, whom he much admires. Bernie was one of the bright young men who served Tom Dewey in his crime busting days, and was considered one of the most promising young lawyers in New York. Shortly after working in OSS during the War, he abandoned the legal profession in favor of his present work.

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